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 for the year ending DECEMBER 31, 2000
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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John L. Wedick Jr.	(2001)
Norman Brown	(2001)
Bradley Presby	(2002)
David Wood	(2002)
Raymond Bushway	(2003)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Cindy Holmes

TOWN CLERK

Tandy Girouard Brown (2001)

TREASURER

Teri-Ann Brown (2001)

TAX COLLECTOR

Claudia Brown (2001)

MODERATOR

Alistair MacBain (2002)

POLICE CHIEF

Eric Lougee

ROAD AGENT

George Tucker, III (2001)

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jack Anderson

HEALTH OFFICER

Stanley Borowski 444-0642

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Cheryl Sargent

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Jane Crosby	(2002)
Donald Lavoie	(2003)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Judy Gagne	(2002)
Ann Sykes	(2004)
Philip Davis	(2006)

LIBRARIAN

Muriel Brown

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elizabeth Harrington	(2001)
Patricia Bonardi	(2001)
Mildred Chamberlain	(2001)
John Miller	(2002)
Jannifer Kotok	(2002)
Elizabeth Ward	(2002)
Rhonda Lyster	(2003)
Molly Noonan	(2003)
Florance Houghton	(2003)

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Ernest Ferland
 Richard Robie
 Paul Hudson

REVOLVING LOAN COMMITTEE

Len Reed
 Peter Thoma
 Tom Hepner

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ronnie Lyster
 Mike Miscio
 Len Reed

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tanya Tellman
 Jeanne Bilodeau
 Brooke Bohannon
 Elise Lawson

BRETZFELDER PARK COMMITTEE

John Stevenson	Nigel Manley
Ann Gruczka	Tanya Tellman
Eleanor Stephenson	Kimberly Mackay-Pearson
Alistair MacBain	

SECRETARY - PLANNING / ZONING BOARDS

Cheryl Sargent

PLANNING BOARD

Benn Gumm	(6/01)
David Tellman	(6/03)
Alecia Loveless, 1st Alternate	(6/03)
Maurice Lambert	(3/01)
John Keller	(8/01)
Roland Shick	(6/02)
Steve Huntington	(6/02)
Kristian Reinhold 2nd Alternate	(6/03)
Bradley Presby	

ZONING BOARD

John Keller (Swing)	(8/01)
Lon Weston	(6/02)
Katherine Rhoda	(6/01)
Richard Virdone	(6/02)
Judy Wallace	(6/03)

RESULTS OF THE 2000 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Moderator, Alistair D. MacBain, declared the polls open at 9:00 a.m at the Town Building on the 14th day of March 2000. It was moved by Judy Gagne and seconded by Dianne Lambert to proceed to vote on Articles 1 through 5 and delay the reading and action of the other Articles in the Warrant until the business meeting on Saturday, March 18th, 2000. The motion carried. At 6:00 p.m., the Moderator declared the polls closed and the ballots where counted.

Moderator MacBain called the business meeting to order on Saturday, March 18, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Bethlehem Elementary School Auditorium.

Present were Selectman Raymond Bushway, Bradley Presby, David Wood and John L. Wedick Jr.

Absent: Selectman Norman Brown.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Total Votes Cast - 549

Raymond Bushway, Selectman - 273 -Pending a recount on
Friday, March 24, 2000 at 4:30 p.m.

George Manupelli, Selectman- 267 -Pending a recount on Friday,
March 24, 2000 at 4:30 p.m.

Alistair D. MacBain, Moderator- 498 -Elected

George E. Tucker III, Road Agent- 483 -Elected

Phil Davis, Supervisor of the Checklist- 451 -Elected

Ruth Miller, Trustee of the Trust Fund (1 yr.) -5 write in

David Kerr, Trustee of the Trust Fund (1 yr.) -30 write in - Elected

Don Lavoie, Trustee of the Trust Fund (3 yr.) -25 write in

David Kerr, Trustee of the Trust Fund (3 yr.) -6 write in - Elected

Florence Houghton, Library Trustee (3 yr.) - 396 - Elected

Rhonda M. Lyster, Library Trustee (3 yr.) - 421 - Elected

Molly B. Noonan, Library Trustee (3 yr.) - 372 - Elected

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as presented by petition to amend the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance by the inclusion of the following:

"To protect public health and welfare, and to protect surface and groundwater resources, the stockpiling and land spreading of municipal sewage sludge and industrial paper mill sludge is not allowed in the Town of Bethlehem.

"This ordinance shall not apply to sewage/septage/sludge generated within the Town of Bethlehem, nor shall it apply to Class A sludge-derived products sold by the bag." (The Bethlehem Planning Board recommends the adoption of the Amendment. Results of vote taken: 5-1.)

Yes 415

No 118

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as presented by petition to amend the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance by the inclusion of the following:

“In the interest of Maintaining the historic character of the Town of Bethlehem, and preventing further reduction of visibility of the wonder of the night sky for us and our children, and minimizing energy wasted on lighting, the voters of Bethlehem agree to enact a lighting ordinance as follows:

“Any new outside lighting whether for area illumination, sign illumination, building illumination, or other purpose, will project no light rays above the horizon from the lamp, its lens structure, or any associated reflector.

“An exception is allowed for the uplighting of buildings, provided the lamps are so shielded that the illumination does not overshoot the building on the top and sides, the intent being to keep all the direct light on the premises. Properly done, the bulk of the illuminated wall will appear well lit, but the edges of that wall and the roof line will appear dark. “Seasonal/decorative lighting displays using multiple low wattage bulbs are exempted from this ordinance.

“New signs: or newly illuminated signs may be illuminated only by continuous indirect white light, with illumination from above, and with light sources shielded so that they will not constitute a nuisance of hazard caused by glare to neighbors, pedestrians, or drivers. An exception to overhead sign lighting can be made if the illumination is confined to the area of the sign as in the building uplighting above.” (The Bethlehem Planning Board recommends the adoption of this Amendment. Results of vote taken: 6-0

Yes 352 No 183

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as presented by petition to amend the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance by the inclusion of the following:

“To see if the Town will vote to expand and clarify item “A” #6, under District No. 2” of the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance.

Item #6 currently reads: “Any use customarily accessory to any of the above, provided such use is not injurious, noxious or offensive to the neighborhood.”

Proposed Amendment would read: “Any use customarily accessory to any of the above, provided such use is not injurious, noxious or offensive to the neighborhood, or tend to reduce property values. This shall include dust, traffic, smoke, noise, litter, surface and groundwater contamination, glare, odors and other hazards.

Where scientific measurements are not available, or where the Bethlehem Zoning is not specific, plain language and common sense shall take precedent in defining and applying the words “injurious, noxious and offensive.” Repeated complaints by reasonable persons shall constitute “well founded information” that this provision is being violated, requiring the Board of Selectmen to take immediate steps to enforce the provisions of these Regulation.” (The Bethlehem Planning Board does not recommend the adoption of this amendment. Results of vote taken: 4-3.)

Yes 254 No 262

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to General Provision 6 of the Regulations of the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by petition, adding the following language: “Additionally no solid waste disposal facility shall have a height exceeding 95 (ninety five) feet.

General Provision 6, as revised, would read as follows:

"No person, persons, partnership, or corporation shall transport garbage or rubbish in an unsanitary manner or without the same being thoroughly protected from exposure or leakage; nor dump or leave the same in any place other than provided for said purposes. Further, no solid waste disposal facility, site or expansion of any existing landfills shall be located in any district except a facility operated by the Town. Additionally, no solid waste disposal facility shall have a height exceeding 95 (ninety-five) feet". The Bethlehem Planning Board recommends the adoption of this Amendment. Results of vote taken 5-1 abstention.

Yes-356

No-143

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate the sum of money that may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted 2,105,041.00

Budget Total exclusive of Warrant Articles.

Motion made by: David Wood Seconded by: Bradley Presby

Vote: Article Passed

John Wedick Jr. started by highlighting the budget to save time and questions. He pointed out how the salaries were figured. John explained that we have a step scale in place for each position and an annual increase for cost of living.

Ted Wilkinson made a motion to amend Article 6 by increasing the legal expenses of Planning and Zoning by \$10,000. Ted Wilkinson went on to explain that it is very likely the Boards will have additional legal expenses coming up with the landfill expansion, the enforcement in "Junk Yard Ordinance" and gravel excavation. It troubles him (Ted Wilkinson) that the Selectboard does not know anything about Planning Board meetings and the allegations made that the Boards shop around for legal opinions. Katherine Rhoda seconded this Amendment.

Katherine Rhoda and Stephen Huntington spoke in favor of the amendment and explained why they thought it was a necessary increase. Steven Huntington said the Boards always use their budget very wisely.

Andrea Bryant - Is it true the Boards had to ask the Selectmen permission to use this money since it is under a one line item? Would the Planning and Zoning have to advise the Chairman or would they have to use the purchase order system?

Evelyn Hagen had some concerns about what would happen if the Selectboard said it was not a necessary use of money.

John Wedick Jr. said they would not have to get permission from all Selectboard members. They would have to advise the Chairman only and he would relay back to the other members. John Wedick Jr. also made it clear that the Board would not pay legal bills if the Board of Selectmen thought they (any of the Boards) were "opinion shopping".

Nancy Czarny made the motion to move this article.

A voice vote was taken. The results were NO.

Lon Weston asked for a division vote.

Yes 49

No 45

Increase in legal expense passes.

David Wood speaks about the completion of the purchase of the trail groomer and the investment of the Golf Course. They are investments in one of the most valuable parts of the industry; the Recreation Base. Recreation is a very competitive business. David Wood feels that it is important that the Country Club be municipally owned. It needs to be operated as a business to continue to turn a healthy profit and it will continue to be a valuable asset to the community.

Leonard Malenowski questions why there is a projection of lower net revenues.

David Wood explains his philosophy behind budgeting on the conservative side. He expects revenues to be significantly over what was budgeted based on last years exceptional season.

Bernie Kohn speaks in favor of keeping the Country Club the way it is. It is an affordable place to play golf and he hopes that it will stay the way it is. It is an asset to the town and should be run by the town.

Ben Gumm states that the Country Club exists for only a handful of the residents. He believes that if it were sold it would be a guaranteed investment. He feels that privately run businesses are run far better than publicly owned businesses. He strongly urges that the Board of Selectmen investigate sincerely and thoroughly the possibilities of selling the golf course.

Dick Robie spoke in favor of keeping the ambulance service a no charge service. Dick Robie states that Bethlehem does not need to be like every other town. He feels it would put a real strain on the elderly. He would like to go on record saying that if there becomes a charge for the service, in two years the whole idea will snowball. We will be professionals having the need for people to do the billing and require a new and back up ambulance. Two years from now this will be a major part of the budget.

Jane Lucas agrees with Dick Robie. The quality of life is far more important than the money. It is shameful to consider that Bethlehem has to be like all the other towns around us. Not only the elderly but also the young without insurance will be at a disadvantage if we start to charge.

Leonard Malenowski asks the question: "Does this increase the liabilities for the Town if we charge?"

John Wedick Jr. assured everyone that the town has liability insurance coverage for the ambulance.

Steven Hoyt moves Article 6. Seconded by Judy Gagne.

Article 6 passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of demolishing the Town owned Chase Tennis Camp Building on Main Street and to raise and appropriate \$80,000 to be placed in the fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

**Motion made by: David Wood Seconded by: Ray Bushway
Vote: Article Tabled**

John Wedick Jr. explains that the building may not be able to be torn down for this amount of money but urges this article be voted in or the building will remain the way it sits now. John Wedick Jr. said that nothing would be done before June 30, 2000 because there may be some interested buyers. If the Board decides to sell, the new owner would have to put up a bond and a plan for the building. This is an ideal site for a new library and town recreation facility. Nothing will be done until June 30th so the Board can openly take proposals.

Andrea Bryant states that she would hate to see the building go but understands the situation. She would like to know if it has been on an active list of real estate and if the Selectboard will be more aggressive about selling the building.

Michael Whitcomb Sr. makes a motion to Table this article. Seconded by Sue Schott.

Article 7 is tabled by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of rehabilitating the Town swimming pool and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectman as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectman recommends this appropriation.)

Motion made by: Ray Bushway Seconded by: Brad Presby
Vote: Article Passed

Steven Hoyt, the recreation director, starts by stating that at this time the pool has been closed by the state due to electrical problems & leaks. This money would fix the problem for approximately a three (3) year time period.

Frances Marszalkowski wonders how much money will be put into this pool? Why not just build a new one?

John Wedick Jr. explains that yes we do need to build a new pool, but this money would give more time to seek out grants and get a plan in place for a new pool.

Clare Brown - The pool has been there since 1938 and for years there has been nothing done to it. She feels a band-aid of \$ 42,000.00 would be well worth it. It is also nice to know that there is some kind of plan to build a new pool.

Ben Gumm feels that band-aid solutions are always bad solutions. To invest this kind of money for only a three (3) year program is an irresponsible solution. He strongly urges to oppose this article and come up with a plan if necessary to build a new pool. From his understanding there is no plan established yet.

Sue Schott speaks of how much the pool really does get used and how it is such a great recreation for children and adults. She feels the pool is a fantastic asset for our town.

Sue Schott also is delighted to hear of a plan for a new pool.

Many people spoke in favor of this temporary fix until a plan can be put into place.

Considering the amount of kids and adults that use the pool, this would be the best solution at this time.

Steven Hoyt made the motion to move the article

Seconded by Judy Gagne.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Highway Dump Truck. (The Board of Selectman recommends this appropriation.)

Motion made by: Ray Bushway Seconded by: Brad Presby
Vote: Article Passed

John Wedick Jr. assured the towns people that a new dump truck will be bought and urges the passage of this article.

Phil Davis asked if a brand new truck would be bought or a newer used truck would be considered.

John Wedick Jr. assured him a brand new cab and chassis would be purchased.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Maple Street Cemetery Addition. (The Board or Selectman recommends this appropriation.)

Motion made by: David Wood Seconded by: Ray Bushway
Vote Article Passed

John Wedick Jr. states that the \$8,500.00 is to finish development of the cemetery. If there were any money left over it would go back into the general fund.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring a new pumper truck (fire) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectman as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectman recommends this appropriation.)

Motion made by: David Wood Seconded by: Ray Bushway
Vote Article Passed

John Wedick Jr.- This 25,000.00 would be the first deposit to put into a Capital Reserve Fund to establish a new pumper. This pumper is needed because around the year 2005 we will need to replace the one we have (the 1973 model- the yellow one) with a new one. We will come back each year and add \$25,000.00 to the fund so by the year 2005 the money will already be in place for this truck. The purpose of this is to wisely budget so in the year 2005 we won't get hit with a big chunk at one time. He urges to pass this article.

Leonard Malenowski wonders why we should pay now for something we will need five (5) years down the road.

John Wedick Jr. replies that if we put the money away now it will go into a trust fund with interest and will eliminate any long term debt. This is called smart budgeting. When we need the money it will be there.

Al MacBain advises that the State Insurance Underwriters require a pumper be 20 years old or new.

Paul Greenlaw made a motion to move this article and it was seconded.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring a new highway backhoe and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The proceeds of the sale of the Town owned crusher will be used to offset appropriation (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation)

Motion made by: Brad Presby Seconded by: Ray Bushway
Vote: Article Passed with Amendment

John Wedick Jr. states that the Town does have a crusher worth \$45,000.00 and a backhoe that is in great need for replacement. He urges the town to vote in favor of this article.

George Tucker III explains that the new backhoe in mind is nothing like the one that we now have. The new one is more like an excavator.

David Tellman states that he has had many discussions with George Tucker III in reference to this piece of equipment and suggests a rubber tired excavator. There is no point in getting another backhoe. The article should read excavator.

Brad Presby - Has concerns on which way this is heading. A more multiuse new piece of equipment will cost a lot more than \$45,000.00.

Discussion was made about definitely going with a rubber tired piece, getting new vs. used and if the crusher would be a trade-in towards the new piece of equipment. Also some residents questioned what the actual figure would be.

David Wood questions the word "Backhoe" in Article 12 and makes a motion to change the wording from "Backhoe to Rubber Tired Excavator."

Seconded by Peter Smith.

There was discussion on whether this purchase would take this year or next year and if the crusher would be sold or traded. Also, if the Highway Department will get a new piece of equipment or lease one.

Tanya Tellman would like to vote on the amendment that the wording be changed. It was seconded passes.

Mickey Whitcomb Sr. motions for it to be tabled for a year to collect more accurate figures as we are now dealing with a different piece of equipment.

Seconded by Cindy Holmes.

Table does not pass by voice vote.

Tanya Tellman calls to move the article and it was seconded.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Town Highway Garage and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

Motion made by: David Wood Seconded by: Ray Bushway
Vote: Article Passed

John Wedick Jr. states that last year we raised and appropriated \$50,000.00 for this purpose and we did not spend it. This is simply to get this up again and put it into the Capital Reserve Fund so that if the whole job doesn't get done by the end of the year, the money will be there instead of having to go through the process of appropriating, having it expire and going back again. This is really to replace what was not spent last year.

Tanya Tellman made the motion to move this article and it was seconded.

Article passes voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to \$41,600 for the purchase of three (3) parcels of land (Map 203 Lots 30, 33 (partial) and 34, for the purpose of expanding the Bethlehem Country Club. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

Motion made by: John Wedick, Jr. Seconded by: David Wood
Vote: Article Passed

David Wood displayed a map showing the proposed lots to be purchased. The purchase would allow the course to have two more golf holes built.

Dick Robie informed the Board of Selectmen that there were sewer lines underneath part of this property and to please keep this in mind.

David Wood assured Dick Robie that the piece of property with the sewer lines would not be developed.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35.1 for the purpose of constructing a new Town Library and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (By Petition) (The Board of Selectmen Recommends This Appropriation.)

Notion made by: Ray Bushway Seconded by: Brad Presby
Vote: Article Passed

Ray Bushway starts by saying that the \$125,000.00 will not build a new library but this money is needed to start the process.

Moderator reads a letter from Fire Chief Jack Anderson in favor of this article.
(Enclosed See Page 20)

Linda Rockwood expresses concern of what the long-term outlook for the library is. She would like more information regarding this money.

John Wedick Jr. advises that the long-term outlook is to have a new library. This money is needed to help in the studies to get a new library.

Clare Brown states that years ago there was a seed of money started to be used to improve the library and still nothing has been done. She again brings up the problem with no handicap accessibility.

There was a brief discussion of the word "construction" in this article and when would construction of the new library be and if we were "putting the cart before the horse" (Paul Greenlaw).

Bernie Kohn expresses that there is huge potential for grants from somewhere. He advises that serious intent must be shown. We must be aggressive to get these grants.

John Wedick Jr. states that the library is so inadequate that we need to start a process now but can not do it without any money.

There was much discussion regarding the fact that each year the library issue comes up.

It is time to do something about it and move forward.

Pat Bonardi stresses that this is a very critical situation. There is no way the library can serve needs the way it is now.

Tanya Tellman states that whether it is for a new building or using the same building the money is needed to start.

Stephen Huntington asks if we are definitely looking at getting a new facility.

David Wood states that we are not even close to looking.

Tom Cuddihy believes that \$125,000.00 is too little to build a new library but feels that it is quite a lot to do a study for one.

Muriel Brown (Librarian) reads facts from the Town Report. Already this year there has been 50 new registrations. She has over 13,000 books and room space is a definite problem.

On many different occasions, on her own time, Muriel Brown, the Librarian, has hand delivered books to those who are unable to make it into the library. On behalf of the entire town, Moderator MacBain expressed great thanks for all of Muriel's hard work and dedication to the library).

Tanya Tellman calls the question. Seconded by Clare Brown.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment for 17 concerts, free to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2000. (By Petition) (The Board of Selectmen Recommends This Appropriation)

Motion made by: Ray Bushway Seconded by David Wood
Vote: Article Tabled

Ray Bushway made a motion to Table Article 16 and John Wedick Jr. seconded it.

Article was tabled by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the flat sum of \$2400.00 for the purpose of videotaping Selectmen's meetings, Town Meeting, and two (2) other Town events. This sum to cover all labor and materials. The contract to be awarded as the result of a selection process determined by the Selectmen. (By Petition) (The Board of Selectmen Recommends This Appropriation).

Motion made by: Ray Bushway Seconded by: David Wood
Vote: Article Passed

David Wood starts by saying he is in favor of this article.

Various comments were made about how entertaining it is for other Towns to watch these meetings and should Bethlehem be airing its "dirty laundry" via TV and how it may be intimidating for those who would like to go and speak at meetings but do not want to be taped for TV.

John Wedick Jr. states that it is against the law to not permit the camera in the meetings.

George Manupelli states that he has been doing this taping for a while and if it did continue he would not make any profit of his own. He is a volunteer and the money would go towards materials. He feels that it is a benefit for those who can not make a meeting.

Nancy Czarny states that she attends meetings when she can and recalls that roughly two months ago the Selectboard asked George Manupelli for a copy of a certain one of these tapes for review.

Stephen Huntington - is amazed and impressed at how many people watch this and it is a terrific idea. He favors to keep it.

Leonard Malenowski states that if all residents went to every meeting that the town has they would not be able to go to work to pay the high taxes in Bethlehem. What's the big deal? He also is in favor of continuing to videotape.

Daniel Lavoie moves the article and it was seconded.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road system known as Pine Valley located off Hazen Road, understanding that the road has been approved by the Bethlehem Planning Board, that it meets both town and state specifications, that it has been inspected by a certified engineer, and that currently there are five homes located on the road. (By Petition)

Motion made by: Ray Bushway Seconded by: Brad Presby
Vote: Article Passed

Scott Stevenson asks when this road was inspected and how.

George Tucker III states that he has seen the road and would vote yes on this article.

Stephen Huntington backs George Tucker III up on this as he looked at the road himself last night and it is paved.

Bruce Brown questions if in fact a certified engineer did inspect it or should the article be reworded?

Kim Rayburn does not know if a certified engineer inspected it.

Bruce Brown recommends a change in wording.

Moderator states that as it is a petition it would take all petitioners to change the wording.

Bruce Brown states to forget it and to go ahead with the vote.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 31:39-a, to adopt a Code of Ethics Ordinance for Town Officials and Town Employees as follows:

"No Town Official, whether elected or appointed, shall advise, deliberate and/or vote on any matter in which he/she holds any financial or pecuniary interest and must publicly disclose to the public body with jurisdiction, the nature and extent of that interest, and must disqualify him/herself from advising, deliberating, and/or voting on such a matter.

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to rule on any financial or pecuniary interest brought to the Board and shall, upon finding that a conflict exists, if necessary, require removal from office through the jurisdiction of the Superior Court.

These provisions to take effect immediately upon the adoption of this ordinance. (By Petition)

Motion made by: John Wedick Jr. Seconded by: Ray Bushway
Vote: Article Fails

David Wood states that the only concern he has with this petition is in the 3rd paragraph. He (David Wood) doesn't believe that they can remove a Selectman from office. He thinks that they can require a removal of a Selectman or official from acting on an issue at hand but not removal from office.

George Manupelli disagrees with David Wood. George Manupelli himself has gotten advice from the Municipal Law Association on this matter and it conforms quite well with the Town's attorney's advice to the Board. Unlike last years this isolates only one point and it says a Town official may not profit from his position in the Town. This simply codifies that we do have ethical standards and this is the minimum standard. One should not profit financially from their position with the Town.

David Tellman states that this article is much less objectionable than last year's article reference the code of ethics He could live with this one. David Tellman expresses that there tends to be a bad habit of using local papers to get through to each other. He is concerned that in passing something like this he would read all about it in the paper.

Ray Bushway assured everybody that even if we passed this article it would still end up in the attorney's hands regardless.

Ben Gumm feels that this will further "muddy the water". The last thing we need is for more issues/laws to go the lawyers.

Brief discussion.

Tanya Tellman states that all elected officials take an oath of office when sworn in and we agree to do these things when we take the oath of office. Move the question.

Voice vote was moved to a standing vote.

Yes 44

No 51

ARTICLE 20. "We the voters of Bethlehem, NH believe the action between the Town of Bethlehem and NCES, presently before the NH State Supreme Court, involves at least in part the rights of the NCES abutters, and other neighbors. We believe these rights should not be abrogated by any action of the selectboard in this case."

"We therefore prohibit any settlement between the Town of Bethlehem and NCES, without first placing such settlement before the voters at a special town meeting." (By Petition)

Motion Made by: John Wedick Jr. Seconded by: Ray Bushway
Vote: Article Fails

Andrea Bryant starts off by stating that the people want restriction not expansion.

David Wood states that he is opposed to this Article. "I believe you voted this Board in to make decisions on your behalf using the benefit of all the information available to us and this is what we have done in this case and will continue to do".

Daniel Lavoie agrees with David Wood stating that we (Bethlehem Residents) vote the Selectmen into office and we need to let them make the decisions.

Stan Harrison states that the Town is only doing what is right. It has nothing to do with the Selectmen.

Ben Gumm - It's time to make peace with the dump. This issue has separated the whole town and it needs to stop.

Moderator calls for a standing vote.

Yes 44

No 45

The article fails.

Ben Gumm moves to restrict further consideration of this article under RSA 40:10

Seconded by Tanya Tellman.

A question was asked about opening this up for discussion. This leads the Moderator to look it up in the law book.

Leonard Malenowski mentions a private ballot and challenges the vote.

The Moderator states that there is already a motion on the floor to vote to restrict reconsideration. Moderator calls for a standing vote. Voting yes will be to restrict reconsideration.

Yes 36

No 54

The restriction of the reconsideration of this article fails.

Leonard Malenowski makes a motion to have a ballot vote for Article 20. Seconded by Julian Czamy.

Dick Robie objects to the ballot vote. "We only have 100 people here, why can't we take a standing vote".

Moderator calls for discussion. There was no discussion. States that if you vote YES it will be to have a ballot vote.

NO's win by a voice vote.

Tanya Tellman moves for a recount of the original vote of Article 20.

Moderator explains how the vote will happen.

The Article 20 re-vote was taken and Aye's have it.

Clare Brown - What did we just vote on?

Moderator - Explains again that Article 20 went down by defeat by one vote. The vote to restrict reconsideration of the Article came out to be 54- 36. Then a motion was made to reconsider Article 20.

Bruce Brown - Are we voting on the Article 20 or the reconsideration?

Moderator - Yes, we are voting on Article 20. All in favor of Article 20 please stand.

Yes 48

No 50

Article fails by two votes.

David Tellman moves and it was seconded by Tanya Tellman to restrict reconsideration of the Article 20 under RSA 40:10.

Moderator - All in favor of restricting reconsideration of this Article.

YES votes win. This Article can not be brought up again.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to prohibit any form of negotiations and/or settlements by the Town with North Country Environmental Services (the Casella landfill on Trudeau Rd.) until such time as a final decision, regarding the Town's appeal before the N.H. Supreme Court is decided. (By Petition)

Motion made by John Wedick Jr. Seconded by: Ray Bushway

Vote: Article Passed

George Manupelli starts by stating that he himself went through the Town attorney bills from last October and he found that there were three (3) fifty (50) minute conversations which appeared to be concerned with landfill negotiations between NCES and the Town. He asked pointedly what these conversations consisted of and was dismissed with "No one knows really if you want go see the lawyer yourself and see what you can get from him". George asked about a month ago if there were circumstances under which the Selectmen would reach a settlement with NCES. The answer unanimously that was given was "yes indeed if they could strike a bargain with NCES and if they could come up with a settlement they would settle". With this they said that they would be acting in the best interest of the Town. George feels that this would nullify all the warrant articles that we spend our time discussing and passing or not passing. That same reason "in the best interest of the Town" could nullify every vote taken. He did not participate in the voting process to have his vote nullified by a vagary of acting in the best interest of the Town. This says simply do not do it. Do not negotiate or reach a settlement with the landfill until at the very least the case in the Supreme Court of N.H. is settled. He urges for all to vote for Article 21.

David Wood states that the Selectboard is opposed to this Article. The Selectmen were elected to act in the best interest of the community and we do not anticipate any kind of settlement whatsoever at this time but if on the advice of our attorneys, we believe that it is in the best interest of the Town to settle that we want you to continue to give us the right that we have now to act in you interest.

Andrea Bryant - Wonders what the point of going to court is, if it doesn't get seen through.

Ben Gumm states that the wording is different than Article 20 but is just the same. We need to end this dispute and all get along.

Peter Smith disagrees with Mr. Gumm and believes states that Article 20 & 21 are different and explains the difference. These are two entirely different Articles.

David Tellman says we are still talking about site plan review. Unless we want to have meetings all the time like this, we need to let the Selectmen do their job. We elected them.

Bernie Kohn - Sounds like the old situation and is pretty sure that this was already voted on against negotiating with NCES. He doesn't understand why this has been brought up again.

John Wedick Jr. - 1994 was the last time it was brought up and the vote was to prohibit the negotiating team from not continuing negotiations with the landfill.

Bernie Kohn - would like to see it in writing.

Ted Wilkinson feels that it is entirely insensible to pass this now before it goes before the Supreme Court. Selectmen have the right to talk to NCES but it appears that it (the article) does say that the Town does not want the Selectboard to negotiate or cut a deal before the Superior Court decision is settled.

Ray Bushway - Once the Superior Court's decision has been made there will be no negotiation left. The decision will have been made. He feels that the Board has made responsible decisions on this issue and will continue to do that. If you vote for this Article it will take away the ability to do that.

Voice vote taken. NO's win.

Leonard Malenowski motions for a division vote. Seconded by Andrea Bryant.

Aye's win and will proceed with a standing vote.

Standing vote was taken.

Yes - 50 No - 45

Article passes.

Julie Seely moves to restrict reconsideration of Article 21 under RSA 40:10.

Stephen Huntington seconds.

Aye's win.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Capital Reserve Fund-Transfer Station, \$100,000.00 for one year. These funds to be used toward the establishment, and operation of a Town-owned transfer and recycling station as required. (By Petition)

**Motion Made by: John Wedick Jr. Seconded by: Ray Bushway
Vote: Article Tabled**

Peter Smith starts by asking if there is presently a Capital Reserve Fund? Wonders what we are voting on?

Phil Davis states the wording of the "transfer station" is being hypocritical as far as sending our waste to somebody else while we will not accept somebody else's waste. He states that the wording should be amended and moves to amend it. He feels that it would make sense to have a town owned landfill to take care of our own garbage instead of shipping it off to people who are like us and do not want it in our back yard.

Moderator states that we are not talking about the landfill, but we are talking about a transfer station.

Nancy Czarny states that since the money is already there, that this article should be tabled.

David Wood seconds this.

Article was tabled by voice vote.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources of this Town and throughout the State are worthy of protection and therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources.

**Motion made by: Ray Bushway Seconded by: Brad Presby
Vote: Article Passed**

Tanya Tellman states that this Article is her petition. She reads from a letter that she has.
(Enclosed See Page 20)

There wasn't any discussion.

Article passes by voice vote.

ARTICLE 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

On behalf of the town, the Moderator offers many thanks to Clare Brown and Nancy Stevenson for their tremendous amount of work in making this years Bicentennial such a success and to Wendy Fearon for her wonderful coordination of all the summer concerts, picnics and everything else that she helped do.

Continuing on to other articles, Peter Smith would like to make a motion under 24. He moves to direct the Selectmen to offer ambulance services without charge to all who request the service. Dick Robie seconds.

Richard Virdone agrees with this. He is unprepared to address the issue of insurance companies but what he wants to do is protect the rights of the citizens who live here in the town. He just wants to make sure that those residents of the town who request the ambulance service are given this service without the charge.

David Wood states that the primary purpose behind the creation of the special revenue fund and beginning to charge for the service is to be able to continue to improve the service by increasing the funds available to it from sources other than the taxpayers pocketbook. The Selectboard feeling is to get the word out to the public and the community that if you have insurance then we will be billing your insurance company and if you don't have the ability to pay than you won't pay.

Peter Smith states that he does not think we should change the way it is now.

Dick Robie states that for this small amount of money it will hurt more than it will help.

David Wood clarifies to Peter Smith that at the public hearings, which were required to be held for the purpose of the Special Revenue Fund, it was clear that it's intent to the Board of Selectmen not to institute this until such time of it being all worked up in a row. It's not something that will be started immediately.

Leonard Malenowski wonders why can't we find \$12,000.00 from somewhere in the budget. The Ambulance is well worth it.

Daniel Lavoie motions to move the article.

Moderator asks Peter Smith to repeat word for word his motion so it can be read exactly right. Moderator "Acting on Article 24 was to..."

Peter Smith repeats "To direct the Selectmen to offer Ambulance services without charge to all who request the service"!

Moderator states "all those in favor of this article say Aye; opposed say No.

Article passes by voice vote.

Discussion between Clare Brown and David Wood reference to the Country Club golf course. Clare feels that a lot of thought must be put into the parking space situation before adding onto the course. Parking is a major problem. David Wood replies that they would start by paving and painting lines to add a significant amount of spaces opposed to the half hazard way that people now can park there. Selectmen are also looking for other possibilities such as below the gazebo. The start will be to enlarge the parking lot that is already there. This should elevate some of the problem.

Judy Gagne gives a big thank you to the Fire Department for their assistance in helping make the poles run so smoothly.

Phil Davis would like to make a motion to change the wording in Article 9 to make sure it reads "new dump truck" to make sure it will be a brand new one, not used. Seconded by Ann Sykes.

David Wood states the Board of Selectman has already determined that it will be a "New" dump truck.

Phil Davis and Ann Sykes take back the motion and the second.

Ray Bushway recognizes Ted Wilkinson, a long time Planning Board member who will be leaving the area. Ray Bushway thanks him for all his time and hard work on the Planning Board.

Peter Smith motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Judy Gagne.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Total Appropriations: \$2,504,541.00

On March 15, 2000 George Manupelli requested a recount be done for the Selectman position.

The recount of ballots was done on March 24, 2000 4:35 p.m. The following did the count:

Selectman Norman Brown
Selectman Bradley Presby
Selectman John Wedick Jr.
Selectman David Wood
Dianne Lambert

Moderator Alistair MacBain and Town Clerk Tandy Girouard Brown were present and witnessed the recount.

Results showed Raymond Bushway with 272 votes and George Manupelli 268 votes.

Raymond Bushway was reelected for a three (3) year term.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by Moderator MacBain.

Respectfully submitted,
Tandy Girouard Brown
Town Clerk

LETTER REFERRED TO ON PAGE 11

March 15, 2000

To: Bethlehem Board of Selectman

Gentlemen,

Due to a mistake on my part, I will not be able to attend town meeting this year. I wanted to write this letter to express my support for the Article 15 in this year's Warrant.

My fear is that there may be some confusion in the minds of the voters to what is the priority, a new Fire/Police Facility or a new library.

My suggestion is that we go with a new Library as soon as possible. Our present Library is deficient in so many areas, it is a disgrace to the Town. Here is a list of just a few of the deficiencies: Handicapped Accessibility, lack of room, poor lighting, improper rest room facilities, no second means of egress in case of fire as well as very difficult windows to clean.

The dedicated people who oversee and staff the Library have done a wonderful job with what they have had to work with. It is now time to move forward and provide a facility that will help them to better serve us and help our Town grow intellectually.

The Fire Department is in need of some facility improvements as well, but we deal with adversity every day and we can and will survive with what we have. There are some short term solutions in the works and I feel with some cooperation from the Board of Selectmen we can make all of this work.

The only part of this Article that I don't agree with is that there isn't enough money to get the job done this year.

Yours truly,
Chief Jack Anderson

LETTER REFERRED TO ON PAGE 17

We have been hearing about the organization, Citizens for Land and Community Heritage being organized a couple of years ago to push for a new State program like the Land Conservation Investment Program of the 80's that protected much open space around the State.

Now we have making it's way through the Legislature, Senate Bill 401. This time the title is NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

Community Heritage. Bethlehem has made wonderful progress in this direction with the work of our Heritage Society. Many people in this room are a part of that effort, either actively or simply as members. Thank you.

70% of the funds are slated to be allocated to local communities and non-profit organizations. This money will be matching funds for locally-raised money and services in-kind. I urge you to support this resolution and to tell our legislature that we want this program in New Hampshire. Perhaps sometime it will mean something special here in Bethlehem. Thank you very much.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

206-035	Town Hall, Land and Building	.59 AC	\$ 489,600.00
204-043-001	Strawberry Hill Reservoir	53.50 AC	29,300.00
204-043-002	Town Water Supply	5.34 AC	365,600.00
414-9-11-12	Village District	42.30 AC	1,163,200.00
203-001	Highway Garage - Building Only		65,600.00
414-005	Prospect Street Dump	24.00 AC	26,500.00
Total			\$ 2,139,800.00

COUNTRY CLUB

203-001	Golf Maintenance Garage		\$ 38,400.00
203-001	Clubhouse		324,420.00
203-001	Land Route 302	102.00 AC	568,300.00
203-017	Land Prospect Street	33.00 AC	404,900.00
203-018	Land Prospect Street	4.70 AC	116,100.00
203-019	Land Prospect Street	1.00 AC	23,100.00
Total Country Club			\$ 1,475,220.00

PARKS AND RECREATION

203-021	L/O N/S Main/Prospect/Log Cabin Lane	1.90 AC	\$ 21,400.00
203-025	L & Tennis Courts	1.20 AC	41,200.00
205-120	L & Playground Main/Agassiz	4.10 AC	50,900.00
205-122	L/B Info Booth	1.48 AC	128,000.00
206-027	L/O Elm Street (Little League)	7.80 AC	47,300.00
206-036	L/B Town Pool	1.50 AC	143,300.00
Total Parks and Recreation			\$ 432,100.00

CEMETERIES

203-003	L/O N/S Main Street "Cemetery"	1.20 AC	\$ 15,400.00
206-051	L/O Off Cemetery Street (Gift)	.41 AC	8,900.00
206-056	L/O Maple & Austin Road (Gift)	2.60 AC	15,500.00
206-057	L/O Maple & Austin Road	6.50 AC	56,400.00
404-014	L/O Brook Road	2.90 AC	10,500.00
Total Cemeteries			\$ 106,700.00

SCHOOLS

206-015	L/O BES	3.28 AC	\$ 1,527,800.00
402-025	L/O Profile	17.99 AC	2,194,800.00
402-021	L/O Profile	5.53 AC	9,800.00
Total Schools			\$ 3,732,400.00

LAND AND BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX COLLECTOR'S DEED

(Listed by Location and Map and Lot #)

201-053	L/O Upper Brook Road	.25 AC	\$ 6,500.00
202-026	L/O Long Hill	1.90 AC	14,900.00
203-032-013 through 203-032-036			122,400.00
204-116	L/O Alpenhoff Road Off	2.00 AC	4,400.00
205-009	L/O Jefferson Street	.22 AC	7,100.00
205-010	L/O Jefferson Street		7,100.00
205-037	L/O Agassiz Street	.15 AC	2,000.00
205-037-001	L/O Harrigan Street	.10 AC	100.00
205-220-004	L/O James Street		8,200.00
205-230-001	L/O Noyes Street	.46 AC	8,200.00
206-018	L/B Main Street	3.20 AC	142,200.00
206-029	L/O W/S Elm Street	1.20 AC	3,100.00
206-029-001	L/O W/S Elm Street	3.10 AC	9,900.00
206-063-001	L/O Austin Road S/S	24.70 AC	20,500.00
210-003	L/O Little River Road	5.70 AC	14,500.00
210-013-012	L/O Lady Slipper Road	3.42 AC	14,000.00
210-013-220	L/O Lady Slipper Road/Jolee Lane	3.90 AC	N/V
402-007-005	L/O Route 118 Lot 5	1.69 AC	8,100.00
403-020	L/O Caswell Heights Off 1-93	.04 AC	100.00
404-032-001	L/O Railroad Street	.53 AC	5,000.00
405-048	L/O Route 116	2.00 AC	7,000.00
405-051	L/O Whitefield Road	2.01 AC	7,100.00
405-054	L/O Route 116N	5.50 AC	7,400.00
405-081	L/B Cherry Valley Road	12.75 AC	39,250.00
406-024	L/O S/S Whitefield Road	2.71 AC	8,100.00
406-032-005	L/O N/S Hazen Road	2.00 AC	7,800.00
410-007-003-02	L/O Off South Road	26.66 AC	19,100.00
410-007-004	L/O S/S South Road	11.37 AC	14,000.00
413-041	L/O Access Lot	2.20 AC	4,500.00
414-008	L/O Off Austin Road N/S	38.00 AC	16,600.00
415-009	L/O River Road	.14 AC	800.00
415-021	L/O Bethlehem Hollow	.54 AC	4,500.00
415-038	L/O Wing Road	.40 AC	3,800.00
415-107	L/O River Bend	1.34 AC	3,400.00
415-134	L/O Beaver Road	.88 AC	2,700.00
415-147	L/O N/S Moose Trail	.91 AC	3,200.00
415-153	L/O River Road	.43 AC	3,400.00
416-003	L/O Whitefield Road	64.52 AC	43,300.00
416-021	L/O Row	1.20 AC	10,700.00
416-028	L/O Row	1.70 AC	7,000.00
418-006	L/O Beech Hill Road	2.30 AC	1,700.00
420-024	L/O Off Route 302	.11 AC	700.00
420-025	L/O Beech Hill	.06 AC	500.00

Total Land and Buildings

\$ 614,850.00

OWNER UNKNOWN

203-030	L/O Park Avenue/Pine Street	.41 AC	\$	2,900.00
203-075	L/O N/S Reid Road	.38 AC		4,300.00
204-055-001	L/O Paper Road	.72 AC		5,150.00
205-048	L/O Doris Street	.13 AC		1,900.00
206-055	L/O S/S Austin Road	.67 AC		6,100.00
209-078	L/O River Road	3.90 AC		8,600.00
209-079	L/O S/S River Bend	.07 AC		600.00
209-080	L/O S/S River Bend	2.20 AC		4,500.00
414-007	L/O Prospect Street E/S Off	14.70 AC		3,700.00
416-042	L/O E/S Hazen Road			N/V
416-006	L/O Whitefield Town Line	2.70 AC		700.00

Total Unknown

\$ 38,450.00**TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS****CHURCH**

203-051	All Saints Durell Methodist United Church	\$	18,900.00
203-052	United Methodist Church		253,200.00
203-057	United Methodist Church		82,800.00
204-049	Congregation Machzikai Hadath		122,000.00
204-068	Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation		83,800.00
204-073	Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation		290,600.00
205-177	Christ the King Catholic Church		538,900.00
207-002	Episcopal Church		290,800.00
207-007	Our Lady of the Fairways		700.00
405-041	Assembly of God		11,400.00

Total Church

\$ 1,693,100.00**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

207-005	Tri County Community Action	\$	432,700.00
403-012	Burch House		210,000.00
412-017	Copper Cannon (Buildings Only)		201,600.00
414-019	Northern Youth Services		177,700.00

Total Non-Profit Organizations

\$ 1,022,000.00**FOREST**

210-016	USA	109.00 AC	\$	5,600.00
401-018	N.E. Forestry	80.00 AC		37,300.00
412-022-002	USA	210.36 AC		84,100.00
413-058	State of New Hampshire	26.00 AC		26,700.00
422-003	USA	50.00 AC		33,800.00
422-004	USA	342.00 AC		85,500.00
422-005	USA	31,119.20 AC		21,930,000.00

Total Forest

\$22,203,000.00

PILOT PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

Map Lot			Assessed Value	Payment
414-019	Northern Youth Services	1.9 AC	\$ 177,700.00	\$ 8,000.00
406-018	Pinetree Power	70.87 AC	2,420,500.00	192,567.23
201-067	North Country Council	1.91 AC	251,800.00	150 hrs of Service
Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest				
201-068		21.51 AC	208,700.00	
201-069		47.09 AC	2,730.00	
201-070		.23 AC	50.00	
201-071		20.86 AC	104,000.00	
407-023 & 407-024		77.47 AC	49,450.00	8,000.00
TOTAL			\$3,214,930.00	\$ 208,567.23 + 150 HRS OF SERVICE

SUMMARY - INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Current Use Land	\$ 1,360,900.00	
Residential Land	21,013,810.00	
Commercial/Industrial	3,449,000.00	
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Total Taxable Land		\$ 25,823,710.00
Residential Building	60,204,100.00	
Manufactured Housing	1,641,350.00	
Commercial/Industrial Building	13,882,900.00	
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Total Taxable Buildings		75,728,350.00
Public Utilities		3,258,800.00
Valuation Before Exemptions		104,810,860.00
Blind Exemptions	30,000.00	
Adjusted Elderly Exemptions	400,550.00	
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Total Exemptions Off Valuation		430,550.00
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Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed		<u><u>\$104,380,310.00</u></u>
Veteran Exemptions	15,400.00	
Disabled Veterans	13,700.00	
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Total Tax Credits		29,100.00
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Non-Taxable Land and Buildings		<u><u>\$ 40,014,350.00</u></u>

TAX RATE ON \$1,000.00 VALUATION

Municipal	\$ 12.98
County	1.78
Schools	15.53
State	7.30
Total	\$37.59

Village District..... 1.16

Total \$38.75

Net Assessed Valuation - \$104,380,310.00

Net Assessed Valuation - Village District - \$ 42,640,000.00

<u>Year</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total Town</u>	<u>Total Precinct</u>
1988	4.13	.63	11.23	.79		16.15	16.78
1989	2.79	2.03	10.72	1.24		14.75	16.78
1990	3.41	2.48	13.91	1.12		18.14	20.92
1991	2.87	2.45	15.28	1.01		19.16	21.61
1992	4.19	2.23	16.87	1.12		22.18	24.41
1993	4.16	2.15	17.04	1.06		22.26	24.41
1994	4.98	2.47	18.13	1.15		24.26	26.73
1995	4.71	2.74	19.64	1.24		25.59	28.33
1996	3.27	2.69	20.85	1.12		25.24	27.93
1997	3.46	2.69	20.74	1.25		25.45	28.14
1998	6.78	1.41	27.22	1.56		35.56	36.97
1999	8.62	1.32	12.64	1.67	7.25	30.18	31.50
2000	12.98	1.16	15.53	1.78	7.30	37.59	38.75

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The year 2000 was a busy Election year. There were a total of four elections and all went well. The General Election in November was the biggest and busiest. With a total of 101 absentee voters and 123 new voters added to the checklist, the final count concluded that 80% of Bethlehem Residents on the checklist voted in this election.

A lot of work goes into the elections so that they run smoothly. Special thanks to the Fire Department for all the help in setting up the polling booths, the Police Department for driving the ballots to the designated area, the Moderator, Supervisors of the Checklist, Dianne Lambert, the Ballot Clerks and all the counters that helped out. Teamwork is a major part of having a successful voting day.

In December 2000, the State released the "Moose" plate. This plate can only be obtained at renewal time or on a new registration. The cost is \$35.00 for the first year, \$30.00 for each year thereafter. A vanity "Moose" plate is \$60.00 the first year and \$55.00 subsequent years. This charge is in addition to your regular state fee. The revenues from this conservation plate directly benefit existing state conservation, wildlife and historic preservation programs.

2000 REVENUES

Registrations	\$280,489.50
Marriage Licenses	1,080.00
Vital Statistics	596.00
UCC Filings	1,412.97
Dog Licenses	4,088.50
Dog Penalties	285.00
Miscellaneous Business Filings	100.00
Non-Sufficient Fund Charges	80.00
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TOTAL	\$288,131.97

Due to comments and suggestions about how varied the Town Clerk's hours are, starting April 1, 2001, the Town Clerk's hours will be changed. I hope that this will be more of a convenience than an inconvenience. The changes will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. (See back cover for complete list of hours.)

2001 Tips to Remember:

Registration renewals can be done four months in advance.

Dogs need to be licensed by April 1st of every year.
Please bring in rabies vaccination information.

Respectfully submitted,
Tandy Brown
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 2000 and Prior - Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

DEBITS

Levies of:	2000	1999
Uncollected Taxes		
- Beginning of Year:		
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 369,474.65
Land Use Change	0.00	1,345.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	4,910.41
Taxes Committed:		
Property Taxes	3,889,695.26	0.00
Land Use Change	11,360.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	35,046.66	0.00
Excavation Tax	314.84	0.00
Adjustment (+)	0.00	1,384.83
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	4,457.76	504.50
Interest - Late Tax	3,202.73	10,462.96
Total Debits	\$3,944,077.25	\$ 388,082.35

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$3,288,421.30	\$ 206,590.89
Land Use Change	10,918.42	180.00
Yield Taxes	34,414.69	4,714.57
Interest	3,202.73	10,462.96
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	314.84	0.00
Conversion to Lien	0.00	163,218.51
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	2,985.93	833.35
Yield Taxes	98.76	0.00
Variance (fr. 99)	0.00	2,082.07
Uncollected Taxes		
- End of Year:		
Property Taxes	602,745.79	0.00
Land Use Change	441.58	0.00
Yield Taxes	533.21	0.00
Excavation and Excavation		
Activity Tax	0.00	0.00
Total Credits	\$3,944,077.25	\$ 388,082.35

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Year Ending December 31, 2000

DEBITS

Levies of:	2000	1999	1998	1997
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$ 166,820.49	\$ 118,807.64	\$ 6,861.42
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	179,321.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)				
Interest	2,504.70	14,686.70	35,070.65	0.00
Cost	1,339.50	1,084.04	562.00	46.50
Adjustment (+)	0.00	0.00	1,646.24	0.00
Total Debits	\$ 183,166.13	\$ 182,591.23	\$ 156,086.53	\$ 6,907.92

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	\$ 49,963.78	\$ 61,098.39	\$ 94,713.00	\$ 0.00
Interest and Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)				
Interest	2,504.70	14,686.70	35,070.65	0.00
Cost	1,339.50	1,084.04	562.00	46.50
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	10,215.05	552.74	615.32	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	119,143.10	105,169.36	25,125.56	6,861.42
Total Credits	\$ 183,166.13	\$ 182,591.23	\$ 156,086.53	\$ 6,907.92

REVENUES - DETAILED STATEMENT

2000 Estimated and Actual - 2001 Estimated

	2000 Estimated	2000 Actual	2001 Estimated
Land Use Change Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 11,098.42	\$ 6,000.00
Total Land Use Change Taxes	2,100.00	11,098.42	6,000.00
Yield Taxes			
Yield Taxes	21,000.00	39,129.26	25,000.00
Excavation Taxes	200.00	314.84	200.00
Total Yield Taxes	21,200.00	39,444.10	25,200.00
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes			
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	208,900.00	207,899.99	213,330.00
Total Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	208,900.00	207,899.99	213,330.00
Interest, Penalties & Costs			
Property Tax Interest	90,000.00	68,805.63	60,000.00
Total Interest, Penalties & Costs	90,000.00	68,805.63	60,000.00
Business Licenses And Permits			
Business Licenses & Permits	90.00	100.00	80.00
UCC Filings & Certificates	1,500.00	1,412.97	25.00
Total Business Licenses & Permits	1,590.00	1,512.97	105.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	275,000.00	280,340.00	295,045.00
Total Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	275,000.00	280,340.00	295,045.00
Building Permits			
Building Permits	3,000.00	2,980.00	3,000.00
Total Building Permits	3,000.00	2,980.00	3,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Dog Licenses	3,750.00	4,088.50	4,100.00
Dog Fines	500.00	1,670.00	1,400.00
Marriage Licenses	800.00	1,080.00	1,100.00
Certificates - B, D & M	275.00	596.00	700.00
Total Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,325.00	7,434.50	7,300.00

Shared Revenue			
Shared Revenue	81,000.00	82,574.58	82,500.00
Total Shared Revenue	81,000.00	82,574.58	82,500.00
Highway Block Grant			
Highway Block Grant	72,555.00	72,555.93	78,992.00
Total Highway Block Grant	72,555.00	72,555.93	78,992.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	40,000.00	44,863.29	44,863.00
Total State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	40,000.00	44,863.29	44,863.00
Other (Including Railroad Tax)			
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	2,200.00	1,821.95	1,821.00
Total Other (Including Railroad Tax)	2,200.00	1,821.95	1,821.00
Income From Departments			
Income From Copy Machine	900.00	632.50	600.00
Income From Lists & Maps	100.00	78.00	78.00
Current Use Applications	100.00	150.00	120.00
Pay Phone Commissions	150.00	95.09	95.00
Notary	100.00	56.00	50.00
Police Special Detail	25,000.00	7,895.00	2,500.00
Pistol Permits	100.00	150.00	141.00
Police Reports	1,250.00	1,217.00	1,200.00
Court Fines	500.00	2,400.00	2,200.00
Court Fees	0.00	98.50	90.00
Fire Reports	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ambulance Reports	0.00	60.00	60.00
Planning Board Fees	3,500.00	3,070.96	4,000.00
Zoning Board Fees	500.00	166.88	500.00
Pool Revenue	6,000.00	2,551.36	0.00
Summer Recreation Program Revenue	12,050.00	12,946.39	16,664.00
Cemetery Fees	800.00	2,250.00	2,000.00
Total Income From Departments	51,050.00	33,817.68	30,298.00
Sale Of Municipal Property			
Saled pf Tax Deeded	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Sale Of Personal	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00
Total Sale Of Municipal Property	45,000.00	0.00	55,000.00

Interest On Investments			
Interest On Checking	2,500.00	2,214.65	2,000.00
Total Interest On Investments	2,500.00	2,214.65	2,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenues			
Playground Donations	350.00	270.46	250.00
Total Other Miscellaneous Revenues	350.00	270.46	250.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenues			
Refunds - Other	0.00	150.00	100.00
Reimbursements Welfare	0.00	1,032.05	100.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	0.00	2,601.41	0.00
Total Other Miscellaneous Revenues	0.00	3,783.46	200.00
Special Revenue Funds			
BCC	329,930.00	295,214.94	318,352.00
BCC Surplus	77,228.00	106,490.50	0.00
Solid Waste Disposal	14,628.00	44,890.30	53,025.00
Ambulance	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00
SWD Surplus	0.00	0.00	7,869.00
Total Special Revenue Funds	434,286.00	446,595.74	391,746.00
Budget Total	\$1,336,056.00	\$1,308,013.35	\$1,297,650.00

EXPENDITURES - DETAILED STATEMENT

2000 Budget and Actual - 2001 Budget

	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
Executive			
Health Officer's Salary	\$ 450.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 450.00
Administrative Assistant's Salary	30,066.00	30,576.28	31,647.00
Selectmen's Salaries	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
MTHP	2,360.00	2,359.80	2,566.00
SS/MC	2,912.00	2,933.31	3,053.00
NHRE	1,275.00	1,379.85	1,413.00
Registry	800.00	132.00	250.00
Telephone	1,700.00	2,113.19	2,200.00
Services	19,600.00	13,495.62	14,600.00
Video Taping	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Insurance	2,000.00	3,074.72	3,075.00
Supplies	3,000.00	5,994.34	6,000.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,250.00

Loss Prevention Program	7,000.00	1,056.94	1,000.00
Total Executive	82,763.00	75,171.05	75,504.00
Election/Registration/Vital Statistics			
Town Clerk's Salary	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
Town Clerk's Fees	14,100.00	16,113.25	16,700.00
Deputy Town Clerk	2,000.00	1,304.35	2,000.00
Moderator	500.00	550.00	200.00
Supervisors Of Checklist	1,500.00	1,669.18	1,500.00
Ballot Clerks	1,400.00	1,180.00	700.00
SS/MC	1,557.00	1,669.10	1,557.00
Meals	1,000.00	322.35	300.00
Telephone	745.00	720.34	745.00
Services/Supplies	4,100.00	3,714.69	4,100.00
Payments To Government Agencies	2,200.00	773.00	2,200.00
Total Election/Registration/Vital Statistics	32,852.00	31,766.26	33,752.00
Financial Administration			
Tax Collector's Salary	7,500.00	7,500.00	9,500.00
Tax Collector's Fees	8,000.00	7,318.00	8,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	8,748.00	8,099.38	9,230.00
Treasurer's Salary	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
Deputy Treasurer's Salary	250.00	0.00	250.00
SS/MC	2,161.00	2,040.12	2,351.00
Registry	1,600.00	821.50	1,000.00
Telephone	710.00	625.64	660.00
Information Systems	13,105.00	4,699.02	7,789.00
Services	5,200.00	3,009.43	4,615.00
Supplies	4,000.00	2,438.51	2,500.00
Postage	2,100.00	2,117.24	2,300.00
Total Financial Administration	57,124.00	42,418.84	51,945.00
Revaluation Of Property			
Revaluation Services	35,270.00	27,154.43	26,500.00
Total Revaluation Of Property	35,270.00	27,154.43	26,500.00
Legal Expense			
Legal Expense	36,500.00	20,934.52	23,000.00
Total Legal Expense	36,500.00	20,934.52	23,000.00
Planning & Zoning			
Secretary's Salary	20,481.00	21,494.73	22,247.00
MTHP	2,363.00	2,359.80	2,566.00
SS/MC	1,566.00	1,613.00	1,702.00

NHRE	869.00	1,171.72	1,165.00
Registry	300.00	182.00	300.00
Advertising	1,000.00	1,316.00	1,300.00
Telephone	685.00	659.81	685.00
Services	950.00	566.90	1,100.00
Insurance	670.00	565.51	670.00
Supplies	1,000.00	859.36	1,000.00
Postage	300.00	300.00	600.00
Total Planning & Zoning	30,184.00	31,089.64	33,335.00
General Government Buildings			
Salaries	38,059.00	35,153.57	36,669.00
MTHP	2,363.00	2,359.80	2,566.00
SS/MC	2,912.00	2,689.38	2,805.00
NHRE	650.00	1,148.21	1,200.00
Services	150,000.00	148,679.50	13,150.00
Lights	6,586.00	6,341.76	6,660.00
Fuel	6,085.00	7,103.39	7,503.00
Insurance	2,150.00	2,075.92	2,150.00
Supplies	14,500.00	15,642.04	6,510.00
Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement	200.00	1,261.72	400.00
Total General Government Buildings	223,505.00	222,455.29	79,613.00
Advertising/Regional Association			
Visitors' Center Salaries	17,000.00	14,573.91	13,000.00
Visitors' Center SS/MC	1,301.00	1,114.95	995.00
Visitors' Center Services	2,500.00	1,200.00	2,000.00
Holiday/Decorating	1,100.00	978.06	1,250.00
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	1,020.00	1,035.00	0.00
Total Advertising/Regional Association	22,921.00	18,901.92	17,245.00
Other General Government			
Forester Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Forester SS/MC	460.00	459.00	460.00
Forester Services/Supplies	3,050.00	1,733.72	2,800.00
Town Lines	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
Town Signs	750.00	896.23	900.00
Total Other General Government	11,760.00	9,088.95	11,160.00
Police			
Police Chief's Salary	41,688.00	41,889.32	43,355.00
Officers' Salaries	106,353.00	106,204.28	103,641.00
Special Detail	25,000.00	5,481.68	2,500.00
MTHP	9,452.00	9,617.48	10,262.00
SS/MC	3,176.00	2,819.71	3,000.00

NHRTS	5,846.00	7,368.88	8,220.00
Services/Supplies	10,000.00	10,787.70	10,000.00
Cruiser Purchase/Lease	21,500.00	22,915.06	0.00
Insurance	13,350.00	11,701.39	13,350.00
Fuel/Gas	2,800.00	4,095.74	4,300.00
Cruiser Maintenance	2,500.00	4,497.41	4,800.00
Prosecutor	0.00	0.00	6,280.00
Total Police	241,665.00	227,378.65	209,708.00
Fire			
Fire Chief's Salary	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Volunteer Firemen	6,500.00	6,255.67	6,500.00
Assistant Fire Chief	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
SS/MC	1,800.00	1,601.65	1,780.00
Training	10,000.00	9,198.43	10,000.00
Services/Supplies	5,000.00	7,743.07	6,000.00
Out-of-District Hydrants	159.00	158.40	159.00
Insurance	6,500.00	8,956.96	8,960.00
Fuel/Gas	1,500.00	1,685.50	3,105.00
Equipment/Vehicle Repair	8,000.00	6,796.16	8,000.00
Equipment Purchase	11,000.00	8,100.04	11,000.00
Communication Maintenance	2,000.00	1,659.43	2,000.00
Total Fire	59,209.00	58,905.31	64,254.00
Building Inspection			
Salary	1,000.00	737.87	1,000.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Building Inspection	1,000.00	737.87	1,000.00
Emergency Management			
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Emergency Management	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Public Safety			
Tower Rental & Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
PD-FD Dispatcher	67,791.00	73,241.27	48,494.00
PD-FD MTHP	7,089.00	6,912.25	5,132.00
PD-FD SS/MC	5,232.00	5,547.37	3,710.00
PD-FD NHRE	2,000.00	1,500.88	1,330.00
911 PD-FD Telephone	6,300.00	6,150.87	5,250.00
Insurance	1,650.00	1,973.12	1,098.00
Dispatcher Grafton County	0.00	0.00	7,350.00
Communication Maintenance	500.00	121.70	400.00
Total Other Public Safety	93,562.00	98,447.46	75,764.00

Highways & Streets

Road Agent's Salary	36,000.00	35,287.95	39,000.00
Salary	114,000.00	120,686.69	127,097.00
Construction Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
MTHP	15,141.00	21,221.16	22,920.00
SS/MC	11,475.00	11,789.87	12,706.00
NHRE	6,360.00	6,877.40	7,230.00
Telephone	770.00	677.46	711.00
Services	6,300.00	16,989.24	7,000.00
Lights	2,860.00	2,915.27	3,061.00
Equipment Rental	6,000.00	8,131.50	12,000.00
Sander Purchase	9,500.00	8,500.00	8,700.00
Insurance	15,850.00	13,129.89	14,000.00
Supplies	14,000.00	15,081.36	14,000.00
Fuel & Lubricants	15,000.00	27,842.57	20,000.00
Equipment Repair	41,000.00	47,021.38	43,000.00
Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	875.24	1,000.00
Sand, Gravel & Stone	30,000.00	47,218.12	40,000.00
Salt	21,500.00	17,032.46	18,000.00
Asphalt	100,000.00	100,217.17	100,000.00
Other Construction Material	12,000.00	4,349.82	7,000.00

Total Highways & Streets	458,756.00	505,844.55	497,425.00
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Street Lighting

Lights	28,018.00	25,685.76	26,970.00
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Total Street Lighting	28,018.00	25,685.76	26,970.00
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Animal Control

Salary	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,200.00
SS/MC	348.00	348.12	325.00
Services/Supplies	1,000.00	931.47	1,000.00

Total Animal Control	5,898.00	5,829.59	5,525.00
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Health Agencies/Hospitals

Upper Valley Senior Citizens	3,290.00	3,290.00	0.00
North Country Home Health	4,965.00	4,965.00	0.00
White Mountain Mental Health	3,060.00	3,060.00	0.00
Hospice of Littleton	1,220.00	1,220.00	0.00
American Red Cross	838.00	838.00	0.00
North Country YMCA	250.00	250.00	0.00

Total Health Agencies/Hospitals	13,623.00	13,623.00	0.00
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Direct Assistance

Overseer of Welfare	4,200.00	4,376.60	4,530.00
SS/MC	321.00	328.51	347.00

Rent	17,000.00	11,621.53	13,250.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,162.22	1,275.00
Lights	2,000.00	1,652.70	1,450.00
Fuel	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total Direct Assistance	26,021.00	20,141.56	21,352.00
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			
Community Action Program	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Parks/Recreation			
Pool Salaries	13,296.00	14,406.43	16,628.00
Pool SS/MC	1,017.00	1,102.09	1,272.00
Pool Telephone	250.00	323.69	300.00
Pool Services	17,950.00	15,130.94	17,950.00
Pool Lights	3,200.00	2,517.25	2,650.00
Pool Insurance	1,225.00	1,476.59	1,608.00
Mt. Agassiz Trail Association	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Little League Services/Supplies	4,000.00	4,018.26	4,000.00
Little League Field Improvements	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Park Services & Supplies	6,500.00	2,080.39	4,000.00
Summer Recreation Salaries	12,960.00	21,850.93	17,400.00
Summer Recreation SS/MC	991.00	1,671.64	1,331.00
Summer Recreation Telephone	0.00	0.00	410.00
Summer Recreation Services/Supplies	8,445.00	8,329.19	3,625.00
Recreation Director	13,660.00	0.00	14,138.00
Recreation Director SS/MC	1,045.00	0.00	1,082.00
Gazebo Entertainment	8,500.00	8,450.40	0.00
Total Parks/Recreation	104,039.00	92,357.80	87,394.00
Library			
Services	33,000.00	33,250.00	35,000.00
Total Library	33,000.00	33,250.00	35,000.00
Other Conservation			
Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,050.00
Total Other Conservation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,050.00
Capital Reserve Fund			
Cemetery Addition	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00
Police Cruiser	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highway Truck	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Highway Backhoe/Excavator	45,000.00	0.00	0.00
Highway Garage Addition	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00

Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Properties ADA	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Building Renovations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00
Town Pool Rehab	42,000.00	42,000.00	0.00
Highway Ladder	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer Station	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ambulance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Pumper Truck	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Total Capital Reserve Fund	345,500.00	300,500.00	0.00
Improvements Other Than Buildings			
Traffic Deficiencies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Facilities Study	12,785.00	9,551.67	0.00
Total Improvements Other Than Buildings	12,785.00	9,551.67	0.00
Special Revenue Fund			
BCC	365,566.00	401,705.44	318,167.00
Ambulance	23,005.00	22,490.00	18,682.00
Solid Waste Disposal	98,915.00	73,718.00	60,889.00
Closure Prospect Street Dump	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Special Revenue Fund	487,486.00	497,913.44	397,738.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes			
Tax Anticipation Notes	15,000.00	9,987.93	10,000.00
Total Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	15,000.00	9,987.93	10,000.00
Budget Total	\$2,462,941.00	\$2,383,635.49	\$1,788,734.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - BCC 2000

Expenditures	Budgeted 2000	Actual 2000	Requested 2001
Salary	\$ 46,058.00	\$ 57,127.01	\$ 59,126.00
Contract Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS/MC	3,523.00	4,370.37	4,523.00
Advertising	4,500.00	5,832.25	6,000.00
Telephone	2,200.00	2,588.63	2,500.00
Services/Supplies	10,000.00	10,326.76	10,000.00
Due General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00

Ghin-Handicap	3,300.00	2,413.00	4,000.00
Lights	1,000.00	1,177.96	1,200.00
Heat	800.00	1,115.79	1,200.00
Building Maintenance	1,500.00	1,219.14	1,500.00
Improvements	2,000.00	1,592.28	2,000.00
Equipment Purchase	3,500.00	1,060.51	2,500.00
Insurance	1,550.00	2,218.60	2,250.00
Refunds	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Dues/Prof. Meeting	1,200.00	1,724.00	1,750.00
Fuel/Lubricant	2,000.00	1,405.53	2,000.00
Bank Service Fees	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
Golf Car Rental	34,830.00	32,630.13	34,830.00
Pro Incentive	17,584.00	15,404.43	17,509.00
Pro Retainer	31,200.00	31,200.00	31,200.00
Beverage Cart Lease	2,371.00	2,351.02	2,371.00
Salary	69,220.00	72,366.56	72,432.00
MTHP	0.00	0.00	0.00
SS/MC	5,295.00	5,536.47	5,541.00
NHRE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	750.00	628.23	600.00
Services	1,000.00	468.00	500.00
Lights	550.00	554.01	700.00
Improvements	50,000.00	35,754.55	15,000.00
Reserve for Improvement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Rental	500.00	46.20	500.00
Equipment Purchase	40,000.00	41,931.75	5,000.00
Land Purchase	41,600.00	42,363.34	1,000.00
Insurance	3,435.00	2,732.08	2,735.00
Dues/Prof. Meetings	1,000.00	170.00	1,000.00
Supplies	4,500.00	6,267.63	6,500.00
Chemicals	9,500.00	6,917.62	7,500.00
Fuel/Lubricant	2,500.00	3,717.20	4,500.00
Equipment Repairs	4,000.00	3,542.59	4,000.00
Vehicle Mileage	1,000.00	1,151.80	1,000.00
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Total Special Revenue Fund - BCC	\$ 407,166.00	\$ 401,705.44	\$ 318,167.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - SWD 2000

Expenditures	Budgeted 2000	Actual 2000	Requested 2001
Gatekeeper Salary	\$ 10,232.00	\$ 10,871.36	\$ 11,470.00
SS/MC	783.00	831.45	878.00
Services/Supplies	1,454.00	9,649.33	9,340.00
Insurance	180.00	220.98	220.00
NCES Disposal Fees	83,866.00	45,906.47	38,981.00
Waste Management Pickup	2,400.00	6,238.53	0.00
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Total Special Revenue Fund - SWD	\$ 98,915.00	\$ 73,718.12	\$ 60,889.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - AMBULANCE 2000

Expenditures	Budgeted 2000	Actual 2000	Requested 2001
Attendants	\$ 5,355.00	\$ 4,994.15	\$ 6,000.00
SS/MC	410.00	668.00	842.00
Training	5,000.00	6,698.13	5,000.00
Services/Supplies	5,000.00	3,532.62	6,000.00
Insurance	840.00	839.17	840.00
Equipment Purchase	6,400.00	5,758.15	0.00
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Total Special Revenue Fund - Ambulance	\$ 23,005.00	\$ 22,490.22	\$ 18,682.00

2000 FUND BALANCE BETHLEHEM COUNTRY CLUB

Source of Funds

Audited Fund Balance		
January 1, 2000		\$121,009.00
Memberships	\$117,358.00	
Golf Carts	63,272.50	
Greens Fees	74,955.50	
Innkeepers	28,922.00	
Discount Cards	5,015.00	
Restaurant/Cart Lease	3,300.00	
Miscellaneous Income	2,391.94	295,214.94
TOTAL		\$416,223.94

Use of Funds

Land Acquisition		42,363.34
Club House Expenses	177,557.41	
Course Expenses	181,784.69	359,342.10
TOTAL		401,705.44
Fund Balance December 31, 2000		\$ 14,518.50

2001 BUDGET BETHLEHEM COUNTRY CLUB

Source of Funds

Fund Balance January 1, 2001		\$ 14,518.50
Memberships	\$130,000.00	
Golf Carts	70,000.00	
Greens Fees	81,186.00	
Innkeepers	35,000.00	
Discount Cards	5,566.00	
Restaurant/Cart Lease	3,300.00	
Miscellaneous Income	3,300.00	328,352.00
TOTAL		\$342,870.50

Use of Funds

Club House Expenses	198,959.00	
Course Expenses	129,208.00	328,167.00
TOTAL		328,167.00
Estimated Fund Balance December 31, 2000		14,703.50
Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes in 2001		\$ 0.00

2000 FUND BALANCE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Source of Funds

Audited Fund Balance		
January 1, 2000		\$ 36,824.00
Amount Raised by Property Taxes	\$ 47,915.00	
Transfer Station User Fees	10,601.50	
Household Waste Bag Sales	34,288.80	92,805.00
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TOTAL		\$129,629.30

Use of Funds

Gatekeeper's Salary	10,871.36	
Payroll Taxes	831.45	
Household Waste Bags	5,863.96	
Services & Other Supplies	3,785.37	
Insurance	220.98	
NCES Disposal Fees	45,906.47	
Waste Management Pickup Fees	6,238.53	73,718.12
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TOTAL		73,718.12
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Fund Balance December 31, 2000		\$ 55,911.18
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2001 BUDGET SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Source of Funds

Fund Balance		
January 1, 2001		\$ 55,911.18
Transfer Station User Fees	\$ 9,750.00	
Household Waste Bag Fees	43,275.00	53,025.00
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TOTAL		\$108,936.18

Use of Funds

Gatekeeper's Salary	11,470.00	
Payroll Taxes	878.00	
Household Waste Bags	7,990.00	
Services & Other Supplies	1,350.00	
Insurance	220.00	
NCES Disposal Fees	38,981.00	60,889.00
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TOTAL		60,889.00
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Estimated Fund Balance December 31, 2001		48,047.18
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Amount to be raised by Property Taxes in 2001		\$ 0.00
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2000 FUND BALANCE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Source of Funds

Fund Balance January 1, 2000		\$	0.00
Amount Raised By Property Taxes	\$ 23,505.00		
Ambulance User Fees	0.00		23,505.00
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TOTAL			\$ 23,505.00

Use of Funds

Attendants Salary	4,994.15		
Payroll Taxes	668.00		
Training	6,698.13		
Services & Supplies	3,532.62		
Insurance	839.17		
Equipment Purchases	5,758.15		22,490.22
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TOTAL			22,490.22
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Fund Balance December 31, 2000			\$ 1,014.78
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2001 BUDGET AMBULANCE SERVICE

Source of Funds

Beginning Fund Balance			
January 1, 2000		\$	1,014.78
Ambulance User Fees	\$ 12,500.00		12,500.00
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TOTAL			\$ 13,514.78

Use of Funds

Attendants Salary	6,000.00		
Payroll Taxes	842.00		
Training	5,000.00		
Services & Supplies	6,000.00		
Insurance	840.00		
Reserve For Equipment Purchase	12,500.00		31,182.00
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TOTAL			31,182.00
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Estimated Fund Balance			(17,667.22)
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Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes in 2001			\$ 17,667.22
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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Fire Station in said Bethlehem on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March 2001, at nine o'clock in the morning (the polls to close at 6:00 p.m.; business meeting to be held at the Bethlehem Elementary School on Saturday, the seventeenth day of March 2001, at 9:00 a.m.) to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (Ballot Vote)

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to amend General Provision #6 of the Bethlehem Zoning Regulations by adding the following words to the last sentence:

“.....Exceeding 95 (ninety-five) feet above the natural and undisturbed contour of the land under any existing or future landfill.” (The Bethlehem Planning Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this amendment.)

YES

NO

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to revise the existing Floodplain Ordinance section of the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as required by the New Hampshire Office of State Planning by the addition of the following:

1. Rewrite the opening paragraph to read: “The following regulations shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated April 15, 1986 which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.” As the current statement does not reflect the correct map date, and includes references that are not relevant to Bethlehem’s floodplain mapping.
2. Item I. Insert the following at the beginning of this section: “The following definitions shall apply only to this Floodplain Development Ordinance, and shall not be affected by the provisions of any other ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem.”
“Area of special flood hazard” Rewrite this definition to read: “is the land in the floodplain within the Town of Bethlehem subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area is designated as Zone A on the FIRM,” as the current definition relates to maps and special flood hazard areas (SFHA) that do not apply to Bethlehem.

“Breakaway wall” This definition can be in its entirety, as it does not relate to Bethlehem’s SFHA construction practices.

“Coastal high hazard area” and “V-Zone” These definitions can be deleted in their entirety as they do not relate to Bethlehem’s SFHA.

“FEMA” Include this missing definition to read “means the Federal Emergency Management Agency.”

“Flood Boundary and Floodways Maps” and “Flood Hazard Boundary Maps” These definitions can be deleted in their entirety as they do not relate to Bethlehem’s current effective maps.

“Flood Elevation Study” and “Flood Insurance Study” These definitions can be deleted in their entirety as there is no study for the Town of Bethlehem.

“Historic Structure” Include this missing definition to read as follows:

“Historic Structure” means any structure that is:

- (a) “Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- (b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- (c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic Preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- (d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - 1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior,
or
 - 2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.”

“Manufactured home park or subdivision” Delete this definition in its entirety as it does not relate to the Floodplain Development Ordinance.

“Recreational Vehicle” Include this missing definition to read:

“Recreational Vehicle” is defined as:

- A. “built on a single chassis;
- B. 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- C. designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck;
and
- D. designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.”

“Regulatory floodway” Delete the last sentence in this definition as it does not relate to Bethlehem’s mapping. Replace the word “canal” in line 1 with the word “channel.”

“Special flood (hazard) area” Insert the word “hazard” between the words “flood” and “area” in the term being defined. Delete the references to “FHBM” or “and Zone “AO” through “E” as they do not relate to Bethlehem’s maps or SFHA.

“Substantial damage” Include this missing definition to read: “Substantial damage means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.”

“Substantial improvement” Delete the last phrase in the definition that reads “structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places” and replace it with “historic structure, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a historic structure.”

“Development,” “Flood Insurance Rate Map,” “Flood proofing,” “Lowest floor,” “Mean sea level,” “Manufactured home,” “Start of Construction,” and “Water Surface Elevation” See marked up copy of the ordinance for typo corrections & omissions.

3. Item VII. Paragraph 1. Rewrite to read as follows: “In riverine situations, prior to the alteration or relocation of a watercourse, the applicant for such authorization shall notify the Wetlands Bureau of the New Hampshire Environmental Services Department and submit copies of such notification to the Building Inspector, in addition to the copies required by the RSA 482-A:3. Further, the applicant shall be required to submit copies of said notification to those adjacent communities as determined by the Building Inspector, including notice of all scheduled hearings before the Wetlands Bureau.”

Paragraph 2. At the end of this section, change the words “has been” to “can and will be” as the certification must be presented prior to the alteration or relocation.

Paragraph 3. Delete the first sentence in this section in its entirety as Bethlehem does not have any designated floodways, and it is therefore, irrelevant.

Paragraph 4. Delete the reference to zones “A1-30 and AE”, leaving in its place reference to zone “A” as the SFHA applicable to Bethlehem.

4. Item VIII. Delete sections “1 and 1.A” from this part, as they do not relate to Bethlehem’s SFHA. Renumber existing section “1.B” as number “1”. Delete section “1.C” in its entirety as it does not relate to Bethlehem’s SFHA.

In section "2" delete the reference to Zones "A1-30, AE, AH, AO and" as it does not relate to Bethlehem's SFHA. In section "2.A, B & C" see the attached ordinance copy for corrections of typo errors.

Renumber existing section "2.B,4" as section "2.C" as it does not relate to non-residential structure issues addressed in 2.B, and should be a separate sub-section.

Renumber existing section "2.B,5" as section "2.D" for the same reason noted above.

Delete existing section "2.B,6" in its entirety as it does not relate to Bethlehem's SFHA. Include a new section "2.E" in its place to address the requirements regarding recreational anchoring requirements for "manufactured homes" in {paragraph (c) (6) of Section 60.3.}

5. Item IX. Include this missing part of be titled as "Variances and Appeals", to read as follows:

- "1. Any order, requirement, decision or determination of the building inspector made under this ordinance may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments as set forth in RSA 676:5.
2. If the applicant, upon appeal, requests a variance as authorized by RSA 674:33, I (b), the applicant shall have the burden of showing in addition to the usual variance standards under state law:
 - (a) That the variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, or extraordinary public expense.
 - (b) That if the requested variance is for activity within a designated regulatory floodway, no increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge will result.
 - (c) That the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
3. The Zoning Board of Adjustments shall notify the applicant in writing that: (i) the issuance of a variance to construct below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25.00 for \$100.00 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of all variance actions.
4. The community shall (i) maintain a record of all variance actions, include their justification for their issuance, and (ii) report such variances issued in its annual or biennial report submitted to FEMA's Federal Insurance Administrators."

(The Bethlehem Planning Board Unanimously recommends the adoption of this amendment.)

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3, as presented by petition, to the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- (1) For the purpose of removing wood treatment plants from the list of permitted uses in District the undersigned propose to change District III, Section A, as follows:

Said Line 4 currently reads:

“Planning mills, sawmills, lumber yards and wood treatment plants.”

Line 4, as revised would read as follows: “Planing mills, sawmills, and lumber yards.”

- (2) For the purpose of prohibiting the establishment of new wood treatment facilities, the undersigned propose to add as a General Condition to the Zoning Ordinance the following:

“To protect the public health and welfare, and to protect surface and groundwater resources, no wood preserving facility or expansion of any existing wood preserving facility shall be located in any district. Wood preserving describes the process of applying or injecting wood with chemical preservatives.”

YES

NO

ARTICLE 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Bethlehem Planning Board, to the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance by the addition of the Telecommunication Facility Ordinance, which has as its purpose and goals the following:

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed telecommunications ordinance is to establish general guidelines pertinent to the siting of telecommunications towers and antennas in the Town of Bethlehem.

GOALS: The goals of the proposed ordinance are:

1. To preserve the authority of the Town of Bethlehem to regulate the siting of telecommunications facilities while affording reasonable opportunity to providers of telecommunications services to construct facilities and offer services to area users.
2. To reduce to the greatest extent possible any potential adverse effects that telecommunications facilities may have on the Town of Bethlehem and its residents.
3. To provide for co-location and minimal impact siting options through an assessment of technology, location options and innovative siting techniques.

4. To permit the construction of new towers only where all other reasonable opportunities to provide service have been exhausted, and to encourage the users of towers and antennas to configure them in a way that minimizes adverse visual impact.
5. To require cooperation and co-location, to the maximum extent possible, between competitors in order to reduce cumulative negative impacts upon the Town of Bethlehem.
6. To require maintenance and safety inspections for all towers and other related facilities.
7. To provide for the removal of abandoned facilities.
8. To provide for the removal or upgrade of facilities that are technologically outdated.

(The Bethlehem Planning Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this amendment.)

YES

NO

ARTICLE 6. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Bethlehem on the second Tuesday of March. (By Petition) (Ballot Vote)

YES

NO

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money that may be necessary to satisfy the purpose specified in the budget as posted \$1,788,734.00. Budget Total exclusive of Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment free to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2001. (The Selectboard does not recommend this Appropriation.)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,400.00 for the purpose of contributing to the Upper Valley Senior Citizens. (The Selectboard does not recommend this Appropriation.)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,462.00 for the purpose of contributing to the North Country Home Health. (The Selectboard does not recommend this Appropriation.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,060.00 for the purpose of contributing to the White Mountain Mental Health. (The Selectboard does not recommend this Appropriation.)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,278.00 for the purpose of contributing to the Hospice of Littleton. (The Selectboard does not recommend this Appropriation.)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$838.00 for the purpose of contributing to the American Red Cross. (The Selectboard does not recommend this Appropriation.)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,637.00 for the purpose of contributing to the Whitefield Airport. (The Selectboard does not recommend this Appropriation.)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of contributing to the North Country Group Workcamp. (Not considered by the Board of Selectmen.)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Highway Dump Truck. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Maple Street Cemetery Addition. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Fire Pumper Truck. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Police Cruiser. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Town Properties ADA. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund - Ambulance. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the Capital Reserve Fund entitled the Revaluation Fund and return the balance to the Bethlehem Facility Fund - a non- Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectboard recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the flat sum of \$2,400.00 for the purpose of videotaping Selectmen's meetings, Town Meeting, and several other Town events. This sum is to cover all labor and materials. The contract to be awarded as the result of a selection process determined by the Selectmen. (By Petition) (The Selectboard does not recommend this Appropriation.)

ARTICLE 24 . To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund - Transfer Station, \$100,000.00 plus earned interest. These funds will be returned to the General Fund for tax relief. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to establish a reserve fund not to exceed \$5,000.00 for maintenance and operation of Town Buildings, Highway Department, Police Department, Fire Department or Town Government Operations. Such fund will be known as the Town of Bethlehem Facility Fund and is established in accordance with RSA 35:1-c (Non-Capital Reserve Funds Authorized). (The Selectboard recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 26. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hands and sealed this 26th day of February, 2001.

Raymond F. Bushway
Bradley Presby
Norman Brown
David Wood
John L. Wedick, Jr.
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2000	Actual 2000	Estimated 2001
Taxes:			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 11,098.42	\$ 6,000.00
Timber Taxes	21,000.00	39,129.26	25,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	208,900.00	207,899.99	213,330.00
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	90,000.00	68,805.63	60,000.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	200.00	314.84	200.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees:			
Business Licenses and Permits	1,590.00	1,512.97	105.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	275,000.00	280,340.00	295,045.00
Building Permits	3,000.00	2,980.00	3,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,325.00	7,434.50	7,300.00
From State:			
Shared Revenues	81,000.00	82,574.58	82,500.00
Highway Block Grant	72,555.00	72,555.93	78,992.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimb.	40,000.00	44,863.29	44,863.00
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	2,200.00	1,821.95	1,821.00
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	51,050.00	33,817.68	30,298.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Sale of Municipal Property	45,000.00	0.00	55,000.00
Interest on Investments	2,500.00	2,214.65	2,000.00
Other	350.00	4,053.92	450.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In:			
Special Revenue Funds	434,286.00	446,595.74	391,746.00
Total Revenues	\$1,336,056.00	\$1,308,013.35	\$1,297,650.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

Subtotal 1	Appropriations Recommended	\$1,788,734.00
Subtotal 2	Special Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>151,575.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended		1,940,309.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits		<u>1,297,650.00</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		\$ 642,659.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 2000	Actual 2000	Approp. 2001
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 82,763.00	\$ 75,171.05	\$ 75,504.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	32,852.00	31,766.26	33,752.00
Financial Administration	57,124.00	42,418.84	51,945.00
Revaluation of Property	35,270.00	27,154.43	26,500.00
Legal Expenses	36,500.00	20,934.52	23,000.00
Planning and Zoning	30,184.00	31,089.64	33,335.00
General Government Buildings	223,505.00	222,455.29	79,613.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	22,921.00	18,901.92	17,245.00
Other General Government	11,760.00	9,088.95	11,160.00
Public Safety:			
Police	241,665.00	227,378.65	209,708.00
Fire	59,209.00	58,905.31	64,254.00
Building Inspection	1,000.00	737.87	1,000.00
Other Public Safety (including Communications)	93,562.00	98,447.46	75,764.00
Highways and Streets:			
Highways and Streets	458,756.00	505,844.55	497,425.00
Street Lighting	28,018.00	25,685.76	26,970.00
Health:			
Pest Control	5,898.00	5,829.59	5,525.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	13,623.00	13,623.00	0.00
Welfare:			
Admin. and Direct Assistance	26,021.00	20,141.56	21,352.00
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation	104,039.00	92,357.80	87,394.00
Library	33,000.00	33,250.00	35,000.00
Conservation:			
Other Conservation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,050.00
Debt Service:			
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	15,000.00	9,987.93	10,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Improvements Other Than Buildings	12,785.00	9,551.67	0.00

Operating Transfers Out:			
To Special Revenue Fund	487,486.00	497,913.44	397,738.00
To Capital Projects Fund	345,500.00	300,500.00	0.00
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Total Expenditures	\$2,462,941.00	\$2,383,635.49	\$1,788,734.00

“SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES”

Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Number	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Gazebo Entertainment	8	8,500.00
Upper Valley Citizens	9	3,400.00
North Country Home Health	10	5,462.00
White Mountain Mental Health	11	3,060.00
Hospice of Littleton	12	1,278.00
American Red Cross	13	838.00
Whitefield Airport	14	1,637.00
North Country Group Workcamp	15	1,500.00
Highway Dump Truck	16	25,000.00
Cemetery Addition	17	8,500.00
Fire Pumper Truck	18	25,000.00
Police Cruiser	19	12,000.00
Town Properties - ADA	20	30,000.00
Ambulance	21	18,000.00
Video Taping	23	2,400.00
Reserve Fund	25	5,000.00
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Subtotal 2 Recommended		\$151,575.00

NOTES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS **Year Ending December 31, 2000**

	Balance 1/1/99	Withdrawals	Contributions	Income	Balance 12/31/00	Principal
Cruft, Town Building	\$ 16,469.74	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 999.86	\$ 17,469.60	\$ 10,000.00
Phillips/Cruft, Needy Children	25,171.31	0.00	0.00	1,528.18	26,699.49	6,500.00
Jeffries, Park Building	1,527.41	0.00	0.00	92.69	1,620.10	1,000.00
West, Library	632.56	0.00	0.00	38.18	670.74	700.00
Cemetery	32,289.12	0.00	0.00	1,960.25	34,249.37	14,030.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS						
Police Cruiser	89.71	0.00	0.00	5.68	95.39	
Village Distr., P.U. Truck	13,422.45	0.00	5,000.00	884.92	19,307.37	
H2O Maintenance Fund	15,997.62	0.00	5,000.00	1,041.41	22,039.03	
Revaluation	4,531.88	0.00	0.00	275.04	4,806.92	
Town Properties, ADA Fund	61,504.58	2,960.78	0.00	3,733.99	62,277.79	
Prospt. St. Dump Closure	129,346.46	5,116.28	0.00	7,852.74	132,082.92	
Wastewater Maintenance	21,859.04	0.00	5,000.00	1,397.15	28,256.19	
Town Building Renovations	2,195.32	0.00	0.00	133.29	2,328.61	
Ambulance	11,891.03	0.00	0.00	721.93	12,612.96	
Highway Loader	29,657.32	0.00	0.00	1,800.73	31,458.05	
Transfer Station	104,675.37	0.00	0.00	6,354.92	111,030.29	
Cemetery Addition	8,522.47	0.00	8,500.00	489.31	17,511.78	
Pumper Fire Truck	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	20.94	25,020.94	
Town Pool Rehab.	0.00	39,587.48	42,000.00	35.17	2,447.69	
Town Library	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	104.67	125,104.67	
Highway Garage Addition	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	41.89	50,041.89	
Highway Truck	0.00	47,947.00	50,000.00	41.89	2,094.89	
TOTALS	\$479,783.39	\$ 95,611.54	\$ 315,500.00	\$ 29,554.83	\$729,226.68	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

This year we had 108 new patrons join this library, bringing the members to over 1500 patrons. The report below will give you more information on other statistics of the library.

Programs provided by the library include: "The American Revolution - An American Soldier's View" by Ed Kennedy, two programs by Mike Dickerman on the republishing and updating of the 1974 Bethlehem history book with slides and lecture. The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center gave an hour-long program about coyotes and foxes with a Native American story. This was a slide show and a chance to see the live coyote and fox which they brought with them. There was a large number of adults and children attending this program. These programs were held at the Durrell Methodist Church and we greatly appreciate the use of the church for our programs. Our last program was held at the school gym with Dan Grady Productions entertaining over seventy adults and children with his marionette show. This program was supported in part by a grant from the N.H. State Council on the Arts, the N.H. State Library and donations from the Saul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation.

Annette Marquis, our library assistant, was in charge of the summer reading program. As part of the program, Dr. Kim Koprowski, veterinarian from Littleton, spoke to the children on care of animals. State police officer Eric Johnson brought Bear, the canine which is trained in finding missing people. The last program in the readers group was Zackery Pauloo with his animal balloons. Annette worked very hard to make this program the success it was for the children.

Two book sales were held and there are books on sale in the library on a year round basis. Money from the sales purchases new books.

Muriel Brown

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

CIRCULATION:

Adult Fiction	5,171
Adult Non-Fiction	1,029
Children's	1,958
Magazines	1,176
Audios and Videos	1,222

The above does not include 193 books borrowed from other Libraries. The Library has a collection of over 4,900 children's books and over 12,000 adult books.

This year we purchased 337 adult fiction and 67 adult non-fiction books and 80 children's books.

LIBRARY BUDGET

	2000 Estimated	2000 Actual	2001 Projected
EXPENSES:			
Books, Magazines, etc.	\$11,500.00	\$10,320.00	\$11,500.00
Telephone	800.00	747.00	800.00
Postage	150.00	125.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	155.00	200.00
Equipment	0.00	461.00	200.00
Accounting Expense	0.00	100.00	250.00
Librarian's Expense	300.00	415.00	450.00
Supplies	850.00	814.00	850.00
Programs	500.00	464.00	500.00
Computer	500.00	365.00	400.00
Repairs/Maintenance	100.00	0.00	100.00
Wages	16,800.00	16,359.00	17,900.00
Payroll Tax	2,000.00	1,735.00	2,000.00
Health Insurance	2,275.00	2,272.00	2,570.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,975.00	\$34,332.00	\$37,870.00

	2000 Estimated	2000 Actual	2001 Projected
INCOME:			
Town Funds	\$33,000.00	\$33,250.00	\$35,000.00
Trust Interest	1,300.00	1,627.00	1,670.00
Book Sales	450.00	1,100.00	750.00
Fines	400.00	316.00	300.00
Donations/Memorials	200.00	85.00	50.00
Reimbursements	400.00	0.00	0.00
Raffle	125.00	25.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	157.00	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$35,975.00	\$36,560.00	\$37,870.00

The following Trust Funds are held by the Library.

The interest is used to purchase books stipulated by the Trust.

Al Reid Trust Fund: \$600.00

Ernest and Anne Wolcott Trust Fund: \$2,000.00

Mrytie Connery Lathem Trust Fund: \$16,000.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

At Town Meeting 2000, the voters approved a record high operating budget of \$2,073,441.00 driven up by the need to spend \$150,000.00 to address numerous long-standing problems in the Town Building. In addition, voters approved Special Warrant Articles totaling \$389,500.00 which included a petitioned Article for \$125,000.00 to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing a new library. These authorizations by the voters produced a record high \$12.98 Municipal Tax Rate. In contract, the average Municipal Tax Rate for the five preceding years equals \$5.37. Looking ahead, the estimated tax rate for 2001, based on spending levels recommended by the Selectboard, will be around the \$7.00 level.

As this is being written, final work is being done on the Town Building to address the problem of exhaust fumes penetrating work areas throughout the building. The ancient steam boiler, two propane heaters and a tired hot air furnace have all been replaced with a high capacity, five zone, forced hot water system. Large areas of the lower level used for storage have been converted to attractive office space to ease overcrowding conditions in the building. The lower level has been made handicap accessible, complete with a new handicap accessible rest room. Old hot and cold water pipes were replaced along with partially plugged sewer lines located under the concrete floor. Next time you are in the Town Building, take a walk through the lower level.

In 2000, we brought an end to our property taxpayers having to pay for the disposal of household waste migrating in from outside of Bethlehem. In June, we put in place the final phase of our Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Program by requiring that all household waste had to be placed in specially marked Bethlehem bags. Bags are sold at two stores in Bethlehem and five stores in Littleton.

Pay by the bag and other user fees put in place last year dramatically reduced the cost of solid waste disposal. In 1999, the amount raised by property taxes for solid waste disposal was \$113,675.00, in 2000 it was \$47,915.00 and in 2001 it will be \$0 - Yes zero.

Pay by the bag increased the recycling rate to 23% for 2000 - our thanks to all of you who helped the Town achieve this level in the first partial year of full implementation of PAYT. Late in the year, NCES made a substantial investment to upgrade the Transfer Station and other efforts are planned in 2001 by both the Town and NCES to further encourage recycling.

We look forward to the upcoming year, its challenges and a greater level of participation by citizens in their local government.

DISPATCHER'S REPORT

The year 2000 was a busy year for Bethlehem's Dispatch. The number of logs entered for the year totaled 21,917. Some of the items that were logged included: Police, Fire and Ambulance information inquiries; Police, Fire and Ambulance emergencies; Town information; Town Office inquiries; Burn Permits; and many others.

There were 958 Burn Permits issued, and we dispatched for 232 Fire and Ambulance calls from January 1 to December 31.

The full-time and part-time dispatchers for the year were: Annalisa Blake, Judy Blake, Tandy Brown, Cindy LaFramboise, Carmen Mardin, John Miller, Darren Perkins, Donna Symonds and Cathy Trombley.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Bethlehem Police Department was very busy throughout the year 2000 solving a number of criminal acts, many of which resulted in convictions and orders for restitution for damages to public and private properties. A series of house burglaries and car breaks over the winter of 1999-2000 was solved and the suspects brought to justice. Domestic violence, impaired driving, and drug and alcohol abuse continued to be top priorities of our enforcement strategies. Many man hours of investigation were dedicated to sexual assault investigations and child abuse and neglect cases resulting in safer environments for child victims and accountability for abusers. We are thankful for the steadfast and determined assistance of Bethlehem's residents in assisting us in these efforts. We also thank the Bethlehem Emergency Service's Fire and Ambulance volunteers and Highway Department workers for assisting us in numerous situations.

The Police Department was pleased to have Donald, a Police K-9 German Shepherd, join our ranks. The K-9 supervisor, Michael Stevens, and Donald were trained at Rudy Drexlers School for Dogs in Elkhart, Indiana. Donald and Officer Stevens are trained to conduct building searches, track missing persons and suspects, crowd control, officer protection, and narcotics detection. Donald is friendly with children and likes to play, but knows when it is time to get serious and was successful on numerous searches in Bethlehem and in surrounding towns when called into action. The costs associated with acquiring Donald were paid for through numerous donations from area residents and businesses.

Mission Statement

Deter criminal conduct through education and enforcement to enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Bethlehem. Protect and assist those in need and hold lawbreakers accountable for their actions.

Investigations

A total of 179 criminal offences were investigated by the Police Department, including the following:

Thefts	49	Assaults	36
Vandalism	34	Burglaries	15
Sexual Assaults	15	Unlawful Possession of Alcohol	13
Criminal Threatening	11	Disorderly Conduct	9
Violation of Protective Orders	9		

Other offenses investigated included: Harassment, Motor Vehicle Thefts, Forgery, Fraudulent use of Credit Cards, Receiving Stolen Property, Narcotics, Firearm violations, Poaching Wildlife, Issuing Bad Checks, Child Abuse and Neglect, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Transporting Alcoholic Beverages, Runaways, Trespass, Littering and Abandoned Vehicles.

A total of 115 arrests were made including 17 for Domestic Violence.

Seventeen restraining orders were served.

The Bethlehem Police Department participated in numerous joint investigations with local, state and federal agencies to investigate crimes taking place in multiple jurisdictions. The Grafton County Sheriffs Department and the United States Forest Service participated with us in a joint investigation to stop vandalism and thefts from cars parked at trail heads in the White Mountain National Forest.

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Officers investigated 106 accidents, including 30 with injuries, 18 with moose, 10 with deer.

Motor Vehicle Enforcement

Officers arrested 15 drivers for DWI, 17 for operating after suspension, and issued 245 summonses and 648 warnings for speeding, non-inspection, unregistered, no license, yellow line, no child restraints, unlawful passing, failure to yield, and following too closely.

Services Rendered

Alarm responses	Welfare checks
Elderly assistance	Vehicle lockouts
Lost and Found	Business checks
House and camp checks	K-9 searches
Buckle-up programs	School presentations
Sexual offender registrations	Employment fingerprinting
Pistol permitting	Civil standby's
VIN verifications	Disabled motorists
School crossing	Traffic assistance
911 Addressing	
Involuntary Emergency Hospitalizations	

Officers of 2000

Full-time Officers

Chief Eric Lougee
K-9 Supervisor Michael Stevens
Officer Richard Ball III
Officer Brandon Cooper

Part-time Officers

Officer Aaron Noyes
Officer Bruce McKay
Officer Danny Gerlack
Officer Shawn White
Officer Bob Magoon.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric E. Lougee
Chief of Police

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Bethlehem Fire Department responded to a total of 102 calls in 2000:

36	Auto Accidents
2	Structure Fires
15	Mutual Aid Coverage
6	Car Fires
5	Chimney Fires
38	Misc.

The Ambulance Responded to 132 calls in the year 2000.

35	Auto Accidents
45	Trauma
11	Respiratory
41	Misc.

As you can see we have been very busy this year with a dramatic increase in calls in both fire and ambulance. The increase in activity comes with bad weather and increased traffic on our highways. We are increasing our training efforts and equipment purchases focusing on auto accidents and rescue situations. We have recently purchased an Air Bag Rescue System from donations to the Bethlehem Emergency Services. This was a twenty-eight hundred dollar purchase that cost the taxpayers \$ 0.00. Much of this money was donated to the Emergency Services in memory of our friend Schuyler Dodge.

I am happy to report that the Carbon Monoxide problem in the town building apparently is going to be cut down and hopefully eliminated with the renovations soon to be completed in the downstairs area. The police department has a nice new office area and we will have a meeting room to conduct our training. This project, however, has cost us a considerable amount of space, which will have to be addressed in the next few years.

Public education is one of the fire services' most important and effective tools in reducing the number of fires in the home. Each year we put on a day long program in the Elementary School teaching fire safety in the home. I feel this year's program was a huge success as we were able to give every student a smoke detector with instructions on the proper use and installation. All students were told that if they, or their parents, were not able to install this detector we would be happy to come and do it for them. The money used to purchase these detectors was all raised by donations from local businesses. This is a great investment in our children and the community they will grow up to be a part of.

On behalf of all of the Bethlehem Firefighters and EMS personnel, I would like to thank all Bethlehem residents for their continued support. Remember we are here to serve you and we do it with a great deal of pride.

THANKYOU!!
Chief Jack Anderson

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each Town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local Fire Departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local Fire Department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local Fire Department before doing ANY outside burning.

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous *	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)

PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

2000 saw a considerable increase in land-use-related activity in Town necessitating at least three and sometimes four meetings each month. The Board considered and approved 11 subdivisions and/or boundary line adjustments, 6 site plan reviews, 2 excavation permits and reviewed, for the first time, 63 building permit applications. The Selectboard asked the Planning Board to review building permit applications for compliance with State and Town land-use ordinances and regulations.

A series of public hearings were held in January and February to consider citizen initiated petitions to change existing Town Zoning Ordinances. Much work was required to update the Town's Flood Plain Ordinance and prepare it for voter consideration in 2001. Work was started on a proposed Telecommunications Facility Ordinance and was completed in time for the Ordinance to be considered by voters in 2001. Additional work was expended on the Town Master Plan which must be revised by 2002. A questionnaire related to the Master Plan revision will go to all landowners in early 2001. We hope the responses will provide a feeling of how people would like to see the Town evolve over the next ten years. There will be more opportunities to be involved in drafting our new Master Plan and we hope you will participate in the process.

Land-use decisions in a town may not be absolutely forever, but can certainly affect how the land is used for a very long time. We encourage you to attend public hearings, review Town ordinances and regulations, come to work sessions or otherwise communicate with us if you have a concern or would like to see some subject addressed.

Respectfully submitted,
David W. Tellman
Chair

BETHLEHEM COUNTRY CLUB REPORT

BCC continued the steady progress of upgrading facility grounds and continued to enhance its reputation of providing innovative activities for both members and guests coupled with quality customer service. Despite the fact the 2000 season was an economic challenge due to the extremely wet spring and seemingly endless rainy summer weekends, the Club was able to meet some capital improvement goals utilizing surplus funds generated during previous seasons. Extensive paving was completed including the main parking lot, golf cart staging area and several high traffic cart paths on the course. Two parcels of land were purchased adjoining Club property that will allow future rerouting of two or three golf holes so that a practice range/learning center can be developed near the clubhouse area. Also some long overdue equipment purchases were made that increased the ability of the course maintenance staff to offer continued outstanding playing conditions.

Our Junior Golf Programs continue to thrive. We are proud to report that 172 area children participated, free of charge, in our 300 Club sponsored Tuesday beginner clinics and both the Friday Back Six Club and traveling BCC based NHPGA Junior Tour North enjoyed excellent seasons with healthy enrollments. Other important 2000 junior golf activities included the NHPGA Pro-Junior Championship and the NHIAA Class M-S Golf Tournament in October. Student - athletes from Profile, White Mt. Regional, Littleton, Lisbon, and all the other M-S schools were able to showcase their talents at BCC. Also, in July, we were delighted to be the host course for the 2000 Special Olympics Northern Regional Golf Championships. As a result of these and other junior golf activities, I was personally and deeply honored as the representative of Bethlehem Country Club, when the New England PGA Section presented me with their 2000 Junior Golf Leader Award. This award certainly reflects a team effort made possible by dedicated volunteers as well as BCC's professional staff.

Bethlehem Country Club is a wonderful asset to this Town and we continue to be proud of our ability to provide affordable recreation for area residents and visiting tourists at no taxpayer expense.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne T. Natti, PGA Professional
Director of Golf Operations

RECREATION PROGRAM

Again our Summer Recreation Program was a great success! Having the program out of the Bethlehem Elementary School made the playing fields and playground easily accessible. It was nice to have the gymnasium to get out of the hot sun and the rain, depending on the weather. The Summer Recreation Program was from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$30.00 per child per week. We also offered extra daycare in the morning starting at 7 a.m. and in the afternoon from 3-5 p.m. Parents were happy with the hours and also knew what their child was doing because we offered a weekly schedule that listed all activities and field trips.

The children took field trips to the Whales Tale, and thanks to the crew at the Rocks, we went on a scavenger hunt at Bretzfelder Park. Franconia Recreation came to participate in our Olympic Day held at BES in July. Twin Mountain Recreation also came to visit on our Carnival Day in August. The children really seemed to enjoy playing games with other recreation programs and meeting new people. For those book worms, Muriel Brown and Annette Marquis offered a reading program once a week at the library that added variety to the week. Children were also offered swimming, golf, and tennis lessons just like last year. The Mount Washington Hotel was kind enough to let us use their facilities to go on a hike up to Upper Falls. That tired out even the most energetic. As a special treat to those who did not sign up for swimming lessons, the new year round director, Laurie MacDonald, took them on a hike up Mount Sugarloaf with the help of Dan Lavoie and Patty Baxter.

The Bethlehem Recreation Committee would like to thank Carol Bushway, the manager at the Irving station, for keeping the change jar visible to their customers. We would also like to thank Barbara Siggins for collecting the money from the jars, which brings in from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 a year. The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's President Alicia Loveless made a very generous donation of \$500.00, which they raised from the Open For the Season Road Race put together by Jim Donavon, Susan and Robert Strauss made a handsome donation of \$500.00 to buy furniture for the pool. We would like to acknowledge the importance of these people and the taxpayer's dollar in this town. Without any of these people, we would not be able to have these programs for our children.

Also, helping to keep the children busy is Kevin Pinett who helped maintain the ice-skating rink; and Dennis Moodie for his continuing help in repairing and maintaining the ice skating rink. It is people like this that remind us everyday that no matter how hard it is to get things accomplished we are doing this for the children. We hope that you feel that way too!

The Recreation Committee is seeking additional volunteer committee members. If you have an interest in the future of our recreation amenities and programs, or have any questions, please call Laurie MacDonald at 398-2196, Steve Hoyt at 869-5701, or Cheryl Kerr at 869-5846.

The Bethlehem Recreation Committee

BETHLEHEM REVOLVING LOAN FUND (BRLF)

The Bethlehem Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) celebrates its 15th year of operations in 2001. Since its establishment, more than thirty local businesses have received loans from the fund to support their operations and activities. Currently, the BRLF has eight active loans. The balance of outstanding loans is approximately \$130,000 and there is approximately \$95,000 available for loans.

This Loan Fund has the mission of helping Bethlehem business owners create or expand employment opportunities in the Town, as well as to stabilize employment in existing Bethlehem businesses. Loans are offered at very favorable interest rates, currently one-half of the prime rate. The BRLF is a lender of "last resort" providing a portion of the total financing required which cannot be secured through conventional bank financing. Loan applications are processed by the North Country Investment Corporation (NCIC) and then reviewed by the Fund Advisory Committee. Recommendations on each application are voted on by the Board of Selectmen. Approved loans are administered by NCIC. Loans are generally less than \$30,000 and require a one-to-one match with borrower equity.

Individuals wishing further information should contact NCIC by calling (802-745-5101).

Bethlehem Revolving Loan Fund
Advisory Committee

Thomas Hepner
Leonard Reed
Peter Thoma

THE BETHLEHEM REDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (BRA)

During the year 2000, the Bethlehem Redevelopment Association (BRA) continued to be active in promoting Bethlehem as a wonderful community in which to live, work and recreate. In addition to its own agenda, the organization and its individual members were proud to cooperate with and support the activities of the Heritage Society, the Chamber of Commerce and the Summer Recreation Program. All of our positive energy combines to cast a favorable light on this lovely White Mountain town.

This summer the final touches were completed on the stone walls which mark the east and west entrances to town on Route 302. A lovely garden of annual and perennial flowers was established and maintained by Dave and Lynn Bishop as part of the wall at the west entrance.

All of the historic markers were placed along the heritage walking tour route through town. The Victorian-style wrought iron stands were made here in town by artisan Ron Smith. A self-guided walking tour brochure was prepared and is available at the Visitors Information Center.

The Heritage Society, given a friendly organizational home and support by the BRA, is now a vibrant and self-sufficient organization. Its place as a "standing committee" of the BRA is to be taken by Friends of the Colonial Theater, a group of citizens committed to the restoration and operation of the Colonial Theater as a year-round community cultural and performance center for Bethlehem and its North Country neighbors.

BETHLEHEM HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Bethlehem Heritage Society has a mailing list of nearly 300 names. The success of the Society is due to the hard work of many people.

Dick Robie refurbished a soda fountain which was found stored in the attic of the Country Club. Harvey Burlock made cabinets to hold volumes of records in the meeting room as well as several shelves and racks.

The Society received its 501.C3 tax exempt status, allowing it to separate from the Bethlehem Redevelopment Association which had allowed it to operate under their permit.

Patsie Bonardi arranged "Elvis Remembered", performed by Bethlehem resident Carmine Grima at Maplewood.

Liz Ward wrote "Bethlehem" in the Images of America series which is selling briskly. Quilts made by Thelma Burlock were raffled and Lana Tibbetts made attractive Bethlehem magnets featuring a maple leaf. Nancy Stevenson, chair of the Bethlehem Bicentennial turned over the committee's unused money to the Society as well as the Bethlehem throws and T-shirts.

The US Census rented the meeting room for a few weeks as they wrapped up that project. A new alarm system was installed by Kipp Alarm Systems and it is working very well.

Several members attended a lunch and tour of the Mount Washington Hotel. The Dolloff family hosted a tour of the old railroad station which they had purchased on Birchmere Avenue. There was also a tour of the second floor of the Cruft Block where the school and community held meetings and events for many years. Three Society members attended the quarterly meeting of the Association of Historical Societies of NH at Heritage NH in Glen. In November, Frank Hagan presented a program at Durrell showing slides of the location of the Gale River Settlement, describing the life in this piece of Bethlehem's past.

The gardens continued to be a popular attraction and Paul Hudson added more benches paid for by people in memory of loved ones.

John Keller and Clare Brown took on the interesting but time-consuming task of reading diaries written by Mrs. Glessner, gleaning mentions of Bethlehem.

There are videos available for viewing of the 1974 Lloyd Hills' Bicentennial Parade donated by John Stevenson, a video of area hotels circa 1928 donated by Paul Hudson, and Kim MacKay-Pearson donated a video of Newt Washburn creating one of his baskets.

The Society continues to share Center expenses with the Chamber of Commerce, including the heat, lights, and copier expenses.

The Memory Tree lighting was not held this year.

The decision was made to start a fund to build an addition to the center. A thermometer registering the amount of money received was built by Harvey Burlock with Clare Brown adding to the levels.

Officers for 2000 were:

President:	Ben Gumm
Vice President:	Pat Bonardi
Secretary:	Ruth Miller
Treasurer:	Florence Houghton
Directors:	John Keller, Dick Robie and Harvey Burlock

The guest register shows visitors from 46 states, 4 Canadian provinces, Australia, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, Tasmania, Ukraine, United Kingdom (England, Scotland and Wales) and one man who identified himself as a Gypsy.

Among the visitors were a couple who are cousins of Nan Perry who owned The Perry House and a grandniece of Will and Paulie Rappaport, founders of the Hay Fever Association.

All errors and/or omissions are mine.

Submitted by,
Ruth Miller

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

2000 Annual Report

The Bethlehem Conservation Commission (BCC) meets monthly, usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month, in the second floor meeting room of the Town Building. The Commission reviews wetlands permits and discusses matters relating to the Town's natural resources. The BCC is a member of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions.

Commission members, although not professionals, are able to offer advice to residents on the Wetlands Bureau's permitting process. Contact a member if you have a question.

This past year, two Bethlehem Elementary students, Katie Siggins and Sam Palmer, attended the Barry 4-H Conservation Camp in Berlin on camperships provided by the BCC.

The first State-approved segment of the New Hampshire Heritage Trail lies in Bethlehem. From the Skookumchuk Trail Head (in Franconia) across Bretzfelder Memorial Park, with one break, the brown signs and yellow blazes mark the trail. The BCC helps maintain the trail and is presently working on connecting up the last segment.

Work continues on boundary lines and deed research on the three lots that the citizens of Bethlehem voted to create a Town Forest in 1998. Once this legal process is finished, the BCC and the Department of Forest and Lands will be asking for your help on Trail work.

In February, the BCC submitted a Warrant Article with supporting signatures of 30 registered voters to the Selectmen. The Warrant Article called for protection and conservation of natural, cultural and historic resources in the Town.

This Fall, BCC hosted a regional meeting for other conservation commissions, planning boards and selectmen throughout the area. Barbara Fales from the NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau gave an informative talk on wetlands and Wetland Bureau policies as they relate to Conservation Commissions. It was also a great opportunity for conservation commission members from around the area to meet informally.

The BCC has a separate checking account into which is deposited the entire approved budget amount each year. Money not spent accumulates. Expenditures this year were:

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions Dues	\$175.00
Camperships	500.00
Administration	<u>126.35</u>
Total	\$801.35

Commissioners urge residents to become active with the Conservation Commission. All of our meetings are open to the public. Look for workdays and a chance to help with trails and Town Forest planning. Recycle whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Elise Lawson, Chair

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce ended the year 2000 with 72 members. Visitors Center Coordinator, Amelia St. John has entered the list in the Chamber's computer. The center is operated cooperatively with the Heritage Society. The year started with the center staffed by Judy and Annalisa Blake, both of whose resignations were accepted with regret when they left to accept full-time jobs. Amelia St. John was hired as director, with staff members Thelma Burlock and Madeline Place. When Madeline left for the winter, Fay Lloyd took her place.

John Stevenson continues as staff overseer.

In January, Ben Gumm coordinated a Business After Hours at The Beal House.

Under the direction of Sally McLaren, the Bethlehem tabloid was replaced by a very attractive magazine which has been distributed all over the state.

Sally also chaired Open for the Season in June, which started with the annual road race coordinated by Jim Donovan. The event included a flea market, craft sale, book sale by the library, face painting by the recreation program, fire department barbecue, Victorian tea at the Methodist Church by Liz Ward, bean hole supper and concert.

In October, Sally Donovan coordinated the second annual scarecrow festival.

The Bethlehem Christmas, chaired by Christina Ferraro, was held on the first two Saturdays in December featuring the popular homes and inns tour, which included the newly renovated and winterized Strawberry Hill Synagogue, Felsengarten, and the home of George Manupelli. The gingerbread house contest was held at the Wayside Inn. Other events included the old-fashioned church bazaar at Durrell United Methodist Church, the children's workshop directed by Steve and Rhonda Huggins with Sigmund Dickowski reprising his role as Santa, buffet supper, the Pine Hill Singers and a concert at Maplewood by the Wicked Smart Horn Band.

The Chamber purchased a digital camera and shares the expense of a Konica copier donated by the North Country Council with the Heritage Society. The Town is advertised in Ski NH and NH Guidebook. Spruce the Bethlehem Moose continues to be a popular sales item as does the Bethlehem Christmas ornament.

The Chamber bylaws were reviewed and revised to better reflect the unique operation of the Bethlehem chamber.

The Officers for the year 2000 were:

President:	Alecia Loveless (Mulburn Inn)
Vice President:	Judy Wallace (Dancing Bear)
Secretary:	Ruth Miller (Miller Plumbing & Heating)
Treasurer:	Bob Gagne (Pinetree Power)
Directors:	Fran Marszalkowski (Grande Victorian Cottage)
	Janice Cohen (JC Consultants)
	Sally McLaren (Angel of the Mountains)

Any errors and/or omissions are mine.

Submitted by,
Ruth Miller

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DISTRICT ONE REPORT

It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District 98 Towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, business, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to a one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liason, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.

The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.

The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel. 271-4235.

As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressmen Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's Capitol.

I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official State locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.

My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.

Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime!

Raymond S. Burton
State House - Room 207
Concord, NH 03301

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2000

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private non-profit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs and volunteer opportunities.

During 2000, 107 older residents of Bethlehem were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Bethlehem enjoyed 1,981 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Littleton Center's dining room.
- They received 2,185 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Bethlehem residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 727 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 295 visits by a trained social worker.
- Bethlehem's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 2,021 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Bethlehem residents in 2000 was \$35,290.31.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Bethlehem's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W Dustin
Executive Director

2000 WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has been a resource for individuals and families in the Town of Bethlehem for nearly 30 years. During this time, our services have expanded and diversified. During the year 2000, we have continued to grow, as the number of persons needing our services increase. Currently, more than 800 people are receiving our mental health services, and 160 families with a developmentally disabled member obtain some form of assistance, often 24 hour per day housing and vocational support. 103 residents of Benton received 2137 hours of service during the past year.

In these complicated and stressful times, many community members seek assistance from us for a variety of reasons, ranging from debilitating mental illness to situational crises. The support of the Town of Bethlehem has allowed us to continue to offer services to residents who are uninsured or under-insured.

This year could be called "the year of the child" at our organization. We have been the lead agency and fiscal agent for the CARE-NH grant. This child mental health initiative is an effort to change the system of care for children and families in order to allow children with serious emotional problems to be treated in their own community. Anyone who is a parent or is involved with youth will recognize the urgent need for both prevention and treatment of childhood emotional and behavioral issues. As we move forward, in partnership with the schools, parents, and other human service organizations involved in this project, we are hopeful that we will become a community that responds quickly and effectively to the needs of families with a challenging child.

We have also been able to offer a new array of services to families with a developmentally disabled child. We are working closely with school districts to create a local network of services, which will augment and enrich the opportunities currently available to children with special needs. Our goal is to greatly decrease the need for "institutional" or "group home" care in our region by supporting families and schools to provide "state of the art" services without the need for a child to leave home.

Along with these new efforts, we continue to provide the services which allow individuals with disabilities to function as productive citizens. You may be surprised to realize that *most* of our services are now provided outside of our building. We bring all kinds of practical supports to persons coping with mental illness, including assistance with housing, jobs, and all of the functions of daily living, which can become enormous challenges. Our philosophy is one of hope and recovery: mental illness is usually biologically based and extremely treatable. Persons with a developmental disability can contribute to their community.

As we move into the new year, we are happy to be part of a thriving community that values each of its members and recognizes that every person can contribute to the overall health of the total community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane C. MacKay
Area Director

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC. TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Home Health agencies nationwide are not only dealing with a severe staffing shortage of nurses and home health aides, but they have also been hit with Medicare's newest and most complex payment system, the third in just three years. This system is called Prospective Payment System (PPS) and became effective October 1, 2000. Under this system agencies are paid a standardized fee for all services and supplies provided to a Medicare patient for a period of 60 days. Agencies receive 60% of the assigned amount after they have submitted a Request for Anticipated Payment and the remaining 40% at the end of the 60-day time period. However if anything happens to interrupt the end of the 60-day, the payment structure may change. Translated, that means agencies do not know what they will actually be paid until the 60-day episode of care has ended. This change in payment structure has further reduced the available operating capital for agencies still reeling from Medicare's last payment system, the Interim Payment System (IPS).

Since federal fiscal year 1997, Medicare program expenditures have decreased 48% from \$18.3 billion in FY97 to \$9.5 billion in FY99. These drastic cuts in funding have threatened the viability of agencies providing care to Medicare patients. A study conducted by the National Association for Home Care revealed that 93% of home health agencies nationwide reported using funds other than Medicare to help pay for the care they provided to Medicare beneficiaries. The median subsidy was \$165,000.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home care services to people with limited or no health care benefits. Because of your generosity and support our agency was able to provide hundreds of hours of home health care and hospice services to those in need during 2000. As we struggle to deal with the difficult and time consuming issues facing home care today, the staff of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency wants to thank you for your continued support so vital to helping people in your town be assured of continuing quality medical care at home.

Services provided to the Town in 2000 included:

Type of Care	# of Visits
Nursing	581
Physical/Occupational Therapy/Speech Therapy	255
Medical Social Service	63
Home Health Aide/Homemaker/Companion	1009

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Faye Hutchinson
Finance Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Hospice of the Littleton Area has completed its eleventh year of providing volunteer services to residents of area communities. Our service area included the towns of Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll (Twin Mountain), Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Bath, Woodsville/Haverhill Woodstock and Lincoln. In 2000, a total of 146 patients and families received services through our many support programs.

Our Director and Hospice volunteers provided supportive care at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes to 78 individuals and families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. Additionally, our Bereavement Care Coordinator worked with a total of 68 clients, 17 of which received direct care. In total, our bereavement volunteers provided 588 hour of support bereavement care to clients.

Our Hospice Program also conducted four (4) support groups which were free of charge and open to the public. The Cancer, Breast Cancer, Bereavement and Prostate Cancer support groups offered a supportive and caring place to share feelings and experiences guided by a trained counselor. Fifty (50) individuals attended these support groups in 1999.

Our organization was very pleased this year to again offer support to two (2) area programs. We continued to provide volunteer services to the North Country Home Health Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and we again offered supportive care to patients and families in the Hospice Room of Littleton Regional Hospital. In all our efforts this year the volunteers gave over 4,000 hours in support services

Our Hospice conducts an annual nine (9) week long, eighteen (18) hour Hospice Volunteer Training Program for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or in increasing their knowledge about Hospice care. Sixteen (16) people completed our 2000 Fall Training Program. We now have over 130 trained volunteers available to support area residents.

In 1999, Hospice successfully obtained grant money that allowed us to start a five (5) day a week van service to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for cancer patients receiving radiation treatment. In 2000, 50 patients and family members rode.

There is NO CHARGE to patients or families for the services of Hospice of the Littleton Area. This service is made possible largely through the generous support provided by the Towns that we serve. Without the support of Town Funding we would be unable to continue to provide services to the many patients and families we serve.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we enter our twelfth year of providing care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha A. Hill
Executive Director

**FINANCIAL REPORT
for the
BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT**

OFFICERS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2003

Bruce S. Brown
Richard E. Robie, Sr.
Russell P. Mardin, Jr.

MODERATOR:

Term Expires 2001

Mark Corliss

PRECINCT CLERK:

Term Expires 2001

Tandy G. Brown

TREASURER:

Term Expires 2001

Karleen J. Sanborn

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Karleen J. Sanborn

**BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT
RESULTS OF THE 2000 WARRANT**

Moderator Mark Corliss called the annual meeting of the Bethlehem Village District to order at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2000 at the Bethlehem Elementary School. Present were Commissioners Walter Blandin, Bruce Brown and Richard Robie, Sr.

ARTICLE 1. Bruce Brown moved to nominate Mark Corliss as Moderator for the ensuing year. Karleen Sanborn seconded the motion. The motion carried and Richard Robie moved to have the Clerk cast one ballot for Mark Corliss for Moderator and this was done.

ARTICLE 2. Karleen Sanborn moved to nominate Tandi G. Brown as District Clerk for the ensuing year. Gus Sanborn seconded the motion. The motion carried and Richard Robie moved to have the Clerk cast one ballot for Tandi G. Brown for District Clerk and this was done.

ARTICLE 3. Ralph Lucas moved to nominate Russell Mardin for Commissioner for a three-year term. The motion was seconded by Wayne Derby. There being no other nominations, Bruce Brown moved to have the Clerk cast one ballot for Russell Mardin for Commissioner for a term of three years and this was done.

ARTICLE 4. Bruce Brown moved to nominate Karleen Sanborn as District Treasurer for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Walter Blandin and carried. Bruce Brown moved to have the Clerk cast one ballot for Karleen Sanborn for District Treasurer for the ensuing year and this was done.

ARTICLE 5. Bruce Brown moved to accept reports of Officers and take any action relating thereto as printed in the Annual Report. Richard Robie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. Bruce Brown moved to see if the District would vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted. The sum of five hundred fifty-four thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$554,155.00) the budget posted exclusive of Warrant Articles. Richard Robie seconded the motion. Bruce Brown made a motion to amend the budget line item 43.24 to add \$20,000.00 for the purpose of an addition at the sewer treatment plant. The addition would be a storage room for equipment and to repair the road leading to the plant. The amendment passed. The budget was amended to 574,155.00. Prior to a vote of the budget, Norman Brown asked if it would cost the district more money when the pay for throw bag system is implemented. Bruce Brown stated that the commissioner's did not expect any increase. There being no other discussion the amount of 574,155.00 was voted on and the budget was approved.

ARTICLE 7. Bruce Brown moved to see if the District would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Capital Reserve Fund established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 known as the Pick-Up Fund. Richard Robie seconded the motion. Norm Brown asked what the balance in this fund was. It is on page 39 of the town report and the sum as on December 31,1999, is 13,422.45. There was no other discussion and the article carried.

ARTICLE 8. Bruce Brown made the motion to see if the District would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Expendable Trust Fund created at the 1996 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, known as the Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment, and to appoint the Commissioners as Agents to expend from this fund. Walter Blandin seconded the motion and it carried with no further discussion.

ARTICLE 9. Bruce Brown moved to see if the District would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Expendable Trust Fund created at the 1997 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, known as the Waste Water Treatment Plant Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to appoint the Commissioners as Agents to expend from this fund. Richard Robie seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

ARTICLE 10. Richard Robie moved to see if the District would vote to purchase an off-road vehicle for the Water/Sewer Department and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed seven thousand dollars (7,000.00) for this purpose. Bruce Brown seconded the motion. Bruce Brown explained that the main reason for the purchase of this equipment was for the safety of the employees who have to ride one off-road vehicle. It was felt that to ensure the safety of the workers, it was a necessary expense. There being no further discussion, the motion carried.

ARTICLE 11. Richard Robie moved to see if the District would vote to direct the Board of Commissioners to begin reading meters as a means of determining water charges. Bruce Brown seconded the motion. There was discussion that centered on the billing cycle and when it would start. Norm Brown asked whether there was money in the budget for the administrative costs of reading meters. Bruce Brown replied that there was money in the budget for the administrative costs of reading meters. Bruce Brown also said the Precinct had hired consultants who would give the Commissioners guidelines as to how the billing would be done. There would be a hearing to inform the public of the guidelines and how they would be billed. Richard Robie discussed the problems that will arise when metered water is put into effect. One of the main problems will be homes that have water lines that are close to the surface and these people run their water during the winter months. The lines will have to be buried deeper and this will be a costly affair. The consultants will hopefully be able to help the Precinct to get grants to assist people who have this problem. Willard Lucas wanted to know how the base rate will be set. Bruce Brown said they would go through the costs of the precinct and set a base rate after that. It will be based on how much money it will cost to run and maintain the system. A standing vote was taken and the article failed.

YES - 28

NO - 37

ARTICLE 12. Al MacBain moved the article in favor of disbanding and dissolving the Bethlehem Village District form of government with all the assets, liabilities and records of the District being transferred to the Town of Bethlehem to be administered by the Board of Selectmen . This request is pursuant to the provisions of RSA 52:21. If there is an affirmative vote, this transfer is to be effective on January 1, 2001. This article was included by petition and a two-thirds vote is required. Paul Greenlaw seconded the motion. Al MacBain initiated some discussion of the article by stating that he was in favor of it. Some of the reasons were that a Town of Bethlehem's size did not need two forms of government. He had met with some of the Selectmen to discuss this. The Town would link up the Town highway, water and sewer departments under one Dept. of public works. All the billing and administrative duties would be done by the town office. Billing would be done like the tax bills are done now. Using the Town highway equipment would save about \$30,000 instead of renting equipment according to Mr. MacBain's figures. He had spoken to the Dept. of Administration and they told him that they would like to do away with Precincts. Paul Greenlaw stated that he feels that you would have to keep the Commissioners and have a Water and Sewer Commission. There was some discussion that there was friction between the Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen and this was a way to get rid of that. Richard Robie asked that one of the two selectmen present at the meeting please tell the people who are attending if there had been any friction between the two bodies. Norman Brown spoke and said that the working conditions between the two governments was amicable and he felt that the Commissioners and Selectmen work well together. Richard Robie noted that no one had been to the Commissioners to discuss this article prior to the annual meeting. He felt that there should have been some communication between the petitioner's and the two governing bodies, prior to tonight's vote. Phil Davis moved the question. The vote was to be secret ballot by petition. Al MacBain made the motion and Willard Lucas seconded it. Mark Corliss discussed the procedure and explained that it was a YES/NO ballot. He also stated that it had to be a two-thirds majority vote. The vote was as follows:

YES - 42

NO - 30

The article failed.

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Richard Robie presented a plaque to Walter "Chub" Blandin for his many years of community service as a precinct commissioner. The audience gave him a standing ovation and wished him well in his "retirement".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Sargent, Clerk
Bethlehem Village District

BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT PROPOSED ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Bethlehem Village District, in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bethlehem Elementary School in said Bethlehem on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of March, in the year Two Thousand and One, next at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1.** To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2.** To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3.** To choose a Commissioner for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 4.** To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5.** To hear reports of Officers and take any action relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 6.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget as posted. The sum of five hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred seventy-six dollars (\$531,476.00) the budget as posted exclusive of Warrant Articles.
- ARTICLE 7.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Capital Reserve Fund established under the provisions of RSA 35:1, known as the Pick-Up Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation.
- ARTICLE 8.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Expendable Trust Fund created at the 1996 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, known as the Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to appoint the Commissioners as Agents to expend from this Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation.
- ARTICLE 9.** To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Expendable Trust Fund created at the 1997 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, known as the Water Treatment Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to appoint the Commissioners as Agents to expend from this Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation.
- ARTICLE 10.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 6th day of March, 2001.

Bruce S. Brown, Commissioner
Richard E. Robie, Sr., Commissioner
Russell P. Mardin, Jr., Commissioner

BUDGET OF THE BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2000	Actual 2000	Estimated 2001
From State:			
Shared Revenue	\$ 473.00	\$ 472.54	\$ 473.00
Water Pollution Grants	62,520.00	57,867.00	55,605.00
Gas Tax Rebate	350.00	538.20	300.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	372,750.00	373,677.03	375,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest on Investments	2,250.00	3,168.03	5,000.00
Insurance Exchange, Refunds, & Claims	3,500.00	11,162.55	3,500.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In:			
Phase III (Sewer)	4,712.00	4,050.78	4,500.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$446,555.00</u>	<u>\$450,936.13</u>	<u>\$444,378.00</u>

BUDGET OF THE BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Warrant Article Number	Approp. 2000	Expend. 2000	Approp. 2001
General Government:				
Executive	6	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,477.38	\$ 7,500.00
Financial Administration	6	33,500.00	30,153.25	34,500.00
Legal Expenses	6	3,000.00	904.00	3,000.00
Insurance	6	8,200.00	7,627.55	5,200.00
Audit	6	2,500.00	3,350.00	2,500.00
Highways And Streets:				
Streets & Sidewalks	6	7,000.00	2,838.24	15,200.00
Street Lighting	6	100.00	100.00	100.00
Sanitation:				
Solid Waste Collection	6	29,000.00	28,941.96	29,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal Plant	6	93,700.00	84,786.38	74,550.00
Solid Waste Department	6	30,000.00	24,524.34	30,000.00
New Construction	6	60,000.00	17,025.88	40,000.00
Water Distribution & Treatment:				
Water Service Department	6	92,000.00	99,457.47	95,000.00
Water Treatment Plant	6	36,000.00	27,368.46	36,000.00
New Construction	6	50,000.00	36,466.09	50,000.00
Debt Service:				
Principal Long-Term				
Bonds & Notes	6	55,133.00	55,053.92	51,059.00
Interest Long-Term				
Bonds & Notes	6	66,422.00	72,993.56	57,867.00
Capital Outlay:				
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	10	7,000.00	5,895.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out:				
To Capital Reserve Fund				
- Pick-Up	7	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
To Trust & Agency Funds S	8	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
To Trust & Agency Funds W	9	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended		\$596,155.00	\$519,963.48	\$546,476.00

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Approp.	Expend.	Balance & Overdraft*
General Fund			
Executive	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,477.38	\$ 122.62
Financial Administration	33,500.00	30,153.25	3,346.75
Legal Expenses	3,000.00	904.00	2,096.00
Insurance	8,200.00	7,627.55	572.45
Audit	2,500.00	3,350.00	850.00*
Streets & Sidewalks	7,000.00	2,838.24	4,161.76
Street Lighting	100.00	100.00	0.00
Solid Waste Collection & Recycling	29,000.00	28,941.96	58.04
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	7,000.00	5,895.00	1,105.00
Total General Fund	97,900.00	87,287.38	10,612.62
Sewer Fund			
Sewerage Treatment Plant	93,700.00	84,786.38	8,913.62
Sewer Department Expenses	30,000.00	24,524.34	5,475.66
New Construction	60,000.00	17,025.88	42,974.12
Principal-Long Term Debt	5,089.00	135,684.70	130,595.70*
Interest-Long Term Debt	8,583.00	15,154.67	6,571.67*
Expendable Trust Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Capital Reserve Fund (Pick-up)	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Total Sewer Fund	204,872.00	284,675.97	79,803.97*
Water Fund			
Water Treatment Plant	36,000.00	27,368.46	8,631.54
Water Department Expenses	92,000.00	99,457.47	7,457.47*
New Construction	50,000.00	36,466.09	13,533.91
Principal-Long Term Debt	20,044.00	20,044.22	.22*
Interest-Long Term Debt	44,676.00	44,675.78	.22
Expendable Trust Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Capital Reserve Fund (Pick-up)	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Total Water Fund	250,220.00	235,512.02	14,707.98
Phase III Sewer (State Guaranteed Loan)			
Principal-Long Term Bond	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Interest-Long Term Bond	13,163.00	13,163.11	0.11*
Total Phase III Sewer	43,163.00	43,163.11	0.11*
Total All Funds	\$596,155.00	\$650,638.48	\$ 54,483.48*
*NH Municipal Bond Bank Refunding		130,675.00	130,675.00
Totals After Refunding	\$596,155.00	\$519,963.48	\$ 76,191.52

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue	
Property Taxes	\$ 49,462.00
Shared Revenue	472.54
Interest on Accounts Less Service Charges	3,168.03
Insurance Exchange & Refunds	3,367.02
Gas Tax Rebate	538.20
Miscellaneous Income	
(Personal Telephone Use Reimbursement, etc.)	27.55
State of NH Filtration Grant	19,416.00
Income From Water Department (reimbursements)	124.21
Water Supply System Charges	221,809.63
Water Rent Interest	190.50
Water Connect Fees	4,000.00
Sewer Users Charges	143,336.14
Sewer Rent Interest and Fees	189.00
Sewer Connect Fees	4,000.00
Sewer Treatment Plant Flood (Insurance for damages)	7,795.53
State Guaranteed Loan (Phase III)	38,451.00
NH Municipal Bond Bank (Refunding)	130,675.00
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Total Current Revenue	627,022.35
Balance January 1, 2000 - Checking Account	251,169.94
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Total	878,192.29
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Total Expenditures	650,638.48
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Total	227,553.81
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Adjustment (Posted in 2000 check cut in 2001)	403.59
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Balance December 31, 2000 - Checking Account WGS & Savings	\$227,957.40

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL FUND

1. Executive		
Appropriations		\$ 7,600.00
Expenditures		
Salaries	6,946.00	
FICA/MEDI	531.38	7,477.38
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Balance		122.62
2. Financial Administration		
Appropriations		33,500.00
Expenditures		
Salaries	20,126.20	
FICA/MEDI	1,539.36	
BC/BS Health Insurance	3,628.14	
Unemployment Compensation	48.00	
Officers' Expenses	3,004.59	
Office Supplies	810.95	
Telephone	48.91	
Dues, Subscriptions, Ads & Notices	825.30	
Petty Cash	121.80	30,153.25
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Balance		3,346.75
3. Legal Expenses		
Appropriations		3,000.00
Expenditures		
Attorney Fees		904.00
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Balance		2,096.00
4. Insurance		
Appropriations		8,200.00
Expenditures		7,627.55
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Balance		572.45
5. CPA Audit		
Appropriation		2,500.00
Expenditures		3,350.00
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No Balance		850.00*
6. Streets & Sidewalks		
Appropriations		7,000.00
Expenditures		
Streets (Paid to Town of Bethlehem)	150.00	
Sidewalk Maintenance	2,688.24	2,838.24
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Balance		4,161.76

7. Street Lighting		
Appropriations		100.00
Expenditures (Paid to Town of Bethlehem)		100.00
Balance		0.00
8. Solid Waste Collection		
Appropriations		29,000.00
Expenditures		
Curbside Collection	21,141.96	
Recycling	7,800.00	28,941.96
Balance		58.04
9. Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		
Appropriations		7,000.00
Expenditures		
Off-Road Vehicle		5,895.00
Balance		1,105.00
Total General Fund		
Appropriations		\$ 97,900.00
Expenditures		87,287.38
Balance		\$ 10,612.62

SEWER FUND

1. Sewerage Treatment Plant		
Appropriations		93,700.00
Expenditures		
Lab Supplies	1,079.60	
Operational Contract	30,000.00	
Waste Management of NH	480.79	
Electricity	19,923.88	
Fuel Oil & Maintenance	2,793.60	
Cleaning Supplies	983.36	
Alarm System Test/Calibrate	403.60	
Scott Air & Fire Extinguishers	101.15	
General Maintenance	2,834.58	
Oils/Lubes	24.38	
HCl Gas & Rental	2,356.25	
Chlorine	2,292.13	
Dam Registration	300.00	
Flood 04/09/2000 damage repair	11,781.91	
Access Road Repair	3,835.50	
Capital Improvements (Storage Shed)	5,595.65	
		84,786.38
Balance		8,913.62
2. Sewer Department Expenses		
Appropriations		30,000.00

Expenditures		
Sewer Rent Collector Salary	2,844.51	
FICA/MEDI (Collector)	253.32	
Salaries (Other)	10,260.08	
FICA/MEDI	1,204.32	
BC/BS Health Insurance	1,231.99	
Sewer Line Install, Maintain & Repair	5,209.39	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	441.79	
Gas (Vehicles)	572.84	
Supplies	453.66	
Machinery & Vehicles	535.60	
Sewer Maintenance	310.96	
Uniforms & Safety Clothing	376.48	
Communications Expense	791.64	
Miscellaneous Expense	37.76	24,524.34
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Balance		5,475.66
3. New Construction		
Appropriations		60,000.00
Expenditures		17,025.88
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Balance		42,974.12
4. Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes		
Appropriations		5,089.00
Expenditures		
Rural Development	5,009.70	
RD Pay-Off for Refunding	*130,675.00	135,684.70
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Overdraft		130,595.70*
5. Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes		
Appropriations		8,583.00
Expenditures		
Rural Development	12,154.67	
NH Municipal Bond Bank for Refunding	3,000.00	15,154.67
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Overdraft		6,571.67*
6. Expendable Trust Fund - Sewer Treatment Plant		
Appropriations		5,000.00
Expenditures		5,000.00
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Balance		0.00
7. Capital Reserve Fund Pick-Up		
Appropriations		2,500.00
Expenditures		2,500.00
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Balance		0.00

Total Sewer Fund	
Appropriations	199,783.00
Expenditures	284,675.97
Total	84,892.97*
*Less NH Municipal Bond Bank Refunding	130,675.00
Grand Total Sewer Fund	\$ 45,782.03

WATER FUND

1. Water Department Expenses		
Appropriations		92,000.00
Expenditures		
Water Rent Collector Salary	2,955.27	
FICA/MEDI (Collector)	190.55	
Salaries (Other)	32,625.80	
FICA/MEDI	2,073.54	
BC/BS Health Insurance	3,695.91	
Waterline Install, Maintain & Repair	34,225.10	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	1,325.37	
Gas (Vehicles)	1,718.60	
Communications Expense	1,798.43	
Supplies	1,387.97	
Testing	572.00	
Machinery & Vehicles	1,606.81	
Meter Install, Maintain & Repair	1,162.75	
Water Connect Refund	1000.00	
Water Maintenance	9,414.37	
Uniforms & Safety Clothing	1,129.49	
Water Stock on Hand	2,484.51	
Miscellaneous Expense	91.00	99,457.47
Overdraft		7,457.47*
2. Water Treatment Plant		
Appropriations		36,000.00
Expenditures		
Salaries	1,108.00	
FICA/MEDI	87.57	
Equipment Repair	1,842.10	
Operator	4,247.00	
Electricity	2,474.48	
Fuel (Propane)	3,358.42	
Chemicals	6,631.46	
Supplies	1,286.07	
Testing	1,133.60	
Telephone	596.32	
Maintenance	4,603.44	27,368.46
Balance		8,631.54

3. New Construction	
Appropriations	50,000.00
Expenditures	36,466.09
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Balance	13,533.91
4. Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	
Appropriations	20,044.00
Expenditures	21,496.14
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Overdraft	1,452.14*
5. Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	
Appropriations	44,676.00
Expenditures	43,223.86
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Balance	1,452.14
6. Expendable Trust Fund (Water Plant)	
Appropriations	5,000.00
Expenditures	5,000.00
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Balance	0.00
7. Capital Reserve Fund Pick-Up	
Appropriations	2,500.00
Expenditures	2,500.00
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Balance	0.00

PHASE III SEWER (STATE GUARANTEED LOAN)

1. Principal - Long Term Bond	
Appropriations	30,000.00
Expenditures	30,000.00
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Balance	0.00
2. Interest - Long Term Bond	
Appropriations	13,163.00
Expenditures	13,163.11
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Overdraft	0.11*
Total State Guaranteed Loan	
Appropriations	43,163.00
Expenditures	43,163.11
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Overdraft	0.11*

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

Appropriations	596,155.00
Expenditures	519,963.48
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Balance	\$ 76,191.52

SEWER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

*** 1985 Series C (State Guaranteed)**

Payment Number	Period Ending	Principal Maturity Schedule	New Interest Payment Schedule	Fiscal Year Total Payment
16	02/15/01	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 6,285.00	\$ 36,285.00
	08/15/01	0.00	4,282.84	4,282.84
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Totals		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,567.84	\$ 40,567.84

- * Annual Reimbursement by State of New Hampshire.
- * Payoff February 15, 2005
- * January 1, 2001 - Principal Outstanding - \$140,000.00

WATER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Rural Development

Payment Date	Loan Balance	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment
05/03/01	\$877,543.32	\$ 10,399.49	\$ 21,960.51	\$ 32,360.00
11/03/00	867,143.83	10,659.47	21,700.53	32,360.00
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Totals		\$ 21,058.96	\$ 43,661.04	\$ 64,720.00

Interest Rate 5.00%
Payoff November 3, 2023
Total of Original Loan 05/03/94 - \$1,000,000.00

SEWER PROJECT - PHASE III
*** NHPDIP**

January 1, 2000 Balance	\$66,722.91
Income Earned and Reinvested	4,050.78
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December 31, 2000 Balance	\$70,773.69

* New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool

SEWER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Rural Development

Interest Rate: 6.375%

Original Loan: \$179,700.00 (1986 - 2015)

Balance December 31, 2000: \$0.00

Paid in Full with Refunding: December 18, 2000

Pay-off Amount: \$134,167.37 (Principal \$130,675.38 - Interest \$3,491.99)

Savings in Interest Due to Refunding: \$55,659.84

SEWER PROJECT - STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AFTER REFUNDING NHMBB

<u>Debt Year</u>	<u>Period Ending</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>	<u>Calendar Year Total Payment</u>
	07/15/01			\$ 3,638.03	\$ 3,638.03	\$ 3,638.03
1	01/15/02	\$130,675.00	\$ 30,675.00	3,103.53	33,778.53	
	07/15/02			2,375.00	2,375.00	36,153.53
2	01/15/03	100,000.00	25,000.00	2,375.00	27,375.00	
	07/15/03			1,781.25	1,781.25	29,156.25
3	01/15/04	75,000.00	25,000.00	1,781.25	26,781.25	
	07/15/04			1,187.50	1,187.50	27,968.75
4	01/15/05	50,000.00	25,000.00	1,187.50	26,187.50	
	07/15/05			593.75	593.75	26,781.25
5	01/15/06	25,000.00	25,000.00	593.75	25,593.75	25,593.75
	Totals		\$130,675.00	\$ 18,616.56	\$149,291.56	\$149,291.56

Interest Rate: 4.7500%

Loan Amount: \$130,675.00

Pay-off: January 15, 2006

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF FATHER NAME OF MOTHER
Jan. 22, 2000	Littleton	Aldan Padraic Demers	M	William Demers Dawn Demers
Feb. 8, 2000	Littleton	Sarah Ann Palzkill	F	Thomas Palzkill Dana Palzkill
Mar. 9, 2000	Littleton	Dylan John Robie	M	John Robie Janice Robie
Mar. 19, 2000	Bethlehem	Lydia Isabel Pinkham	F	Paul Pinkham III Tonya Pinkham
Mar. 25, 2000	Littleton	William Robert Garneau	M	William Garneau Michelle Garneau
May 4, 2000	Bethlehem	Sage Liora Walsh	F	Steven Walsh Reyna Walsh
May 18, 2000	Littleton	Mary Frances Scarlet Ubaldo	F	Richard Ubaldo Jackalyn Ubaldo
May 18, 2000	Littleton	Thomas Madison Oliver	M	William Oliver Jennifer Granducci
May 26, 2000	Littleton	Alexis Nicole Clark	F	Michael Clark Jamie Clark
May 31, 2000	Littleton	Ayla Sage Crosby	F	Daniel Crosby Jane Crosby
Jun. 2, 2000	Lancaster	Layla Nicole Brothers	F	Raymond Brothers Kelly Brothers
July 13, 2000	Littleton	Anastasia Belle Lucas	F	Ralph Lucas Laura Lucas
July 20, 2000	Littleton	Hailey Nichole Bushway	F	Jeffrey Bushway Kim Bushway
July 27, 2000	Littleton	Emma Kathryn Rayburn	F	Robert Rayburn Kimberly Rayburn
Aug. 13, 2000	Littleton	William Joseph Dimas	M	David Dimas Teri Dimas
Aug. 31, 2000	Lebanon	Aaron Seth Johnson	M	James Johnson Diane Johnson
Sept. 12, 2000	Littleton	River Moon Hayes	F	Jeffrey Hayes Ish Hayes
Dec. 4, 2000	Bethlehem	Adam Thomas Leclair	M	Mark Leclair Wendy Leclair

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Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	TOWN OF ISSUANCE
Jan. 15, 2000 Bethlehem	Peter H. Murphy Christi L. Simons	Fairfax, VA Fairfax, VA	Bethlehem
Feb. 14, 2000 Franconia	David H. Lefevre Susan M. Landry	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Feb. 19, 2000 Bretton Woods	Christopher C. Stebbins Kathy A. Pederson	Hampden, MA Hampden, MA	Bethlehem
Mar. 4, 2000 Bethlehem	Sean T. Glennon Lorraine N. Frawley	Bourne, MA Bourne, MA	Bethlehem
Apr. 3, 2000 Bethlehem	Joseph A. Maciel Jr. Lori A. Villegas	E. Providence, RI E. Providence, RI	Bethlehem
May 20, 2000 Bethlehem	Latson J. O'Neal Diane J. Thompson	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
June 9, 2000 Colebrook	Jon A. Bushway Deborah A. Bigelow	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Colebrook
June 17, 2000 Bethlehem	Kirk J. Upton Laurel L. Hemmer	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
June 29, 2000 Bethlehem	James E. Knee Catherine C. Dowd	Bow Bethlehem	Bethlehem
July 1, 2000 Bethlehem	Zachary S. Burns Mindy M. Sharlow	Roxboro, NC Roxboro, NC	Bethlehem
July 8, 2000 North Woodstock	Stephen M. Smith Lisa M. Boynton	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Littleton
July 30, 2000 Benton	Irving L. Locke Kelly J. Grautski	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Aug. 5, 2000 Carrol	Jason W. Doyle Tara L. Houghton	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Littleton
Sept. 16, 2000 Bethlehem	Thomas S. Cole Allison G. Marro	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Sept. 16, 2000 Bethlehem	Joseph M. Ferringio Heather L. Sheedy	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Sept. 16, 2000 Whitefield	Christopher B. Sheehan Melissa L. Storella	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Sep. 30, 2000 Littleton	Raymond E. Trevena Yvonne Ball	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Oct. 1, 2000 Bethlehem	Walter L. Novey Janice C. Cohen	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Oct. 7, 2000 Littleton	William J. Doucette Coleen M. Rochon	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Oct. 14, 2000 Bethlehem	Alan L. Strell Katharina M. Pfner	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Oct. 22, 2000 Bethlehem	Michael F. Lee Heather L. Harvey	Bethlehem Bethlehem	Bethlehem

Oct. 28, 2000	Christian A. Parcell	Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Jefferson	Corrina M. Latham	Bethlehem	
Nov. 4, 2000	Timothy J. Overhoff	Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Bethlehem	Michelle M. Dufour	Bethlehem	
Nov. 18, 2000	Sean P. Sullivan	Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Sugar Hill	Sheena J. Webster	Bethlehem	
Dec. 2, 2000	Francis Lapa	Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Bethlehem	Rose M. Sears	Bethlehem	
Dec. 31, 2000	Tony P. Carriere	Bethlehem	Bethlehem
Bethlehem	Melody J. Fenoff	Bethlehem	

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Tandy Brown
Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

DATE	PLACE	NAME	SEX	FATHER MOTHER
Jan. 16, 2000	Littleton, NH	Carroll W. Houghton	M	Guy Houghton Jennie Locke
Feb. 12, 2000	Bethlehem, NH	Jason M. Hodgdon	M	Daniel LeBlanc Roseanna Bartlett
Mar. 6, 2000	Bethlehem, NH	Michael Benson	M	David Benson SallyAnn Dexter
Apr. 15, 2000	Bethlehem, NH	Mikel Dyne	M	Loade Dusick Patricia Mason
May 30, 2000	Bethlehem, NH	Julia E. Nelson	F	Charles Sanborn Annie Bowlen
Jun. 20, 2000	Bethlehem, NH	Harriett L. Bjerrum	F	George Hanley Gladys Little
July 22, 2000	Wolfeboro, NH	Donna L. Lengyel	F	Howard Smith Ruthann Hall
Aug. 3, 2000	Manchester, NH	Norman N. Danneman	M	Daniel Danneman Bessie Friedmann
Sept. 7, 2000	Littleton, NH	Jacob P. Greenlaw	M	Daniel Greenlaw Tina Antonucci
Nov. 14, 2000	Littleton, NH	Ralph W. Holmes	M	Manassah Holmes Violet Boutelier
Dec. 11, 2000	Littleton, NH	James S. Knight	M	Horace Knight Elizabeth Dalton
Dec. 13, 2000	Franconia, NH	Bartlett Heywood	M	Frank Haywood Myrtle Hamilton
Dec. 13, 2000	Lancaster	Helen Hardy	F	Unknown Colby Lillian Dexter

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NOTES

TOWN HOURS

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE – 869-2293

Monday	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
First Saturday of each month	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE & PLANNING & ZONING BOARDS

869-3351

869-2042

Monday thru Friday	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

Every Other Monday Night	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Make an appointment to be on the Agenda by 3:00 p.m. Friday of the previous week.	

PLANNING BOARD MEETING – 869-2042

Fourth Wednesday of each month	Opens at 7:30 p.m.
Work Sessions 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	

ZONING BOARD MEETING – 869-2042

As needed	Opens at 7:30 p.m.
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TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE – 869-3133

Monday	4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
First Saturday of each month	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

LIBRARY – 869-2409

Monday thru Friday	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday & Thursday evenings	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Fourth Thursday of each month	Opens at 7:30 p.m.
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BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT MEETING – 869-3440

First Tuesday of each month	Opens at 7:00 p.m.
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BETHLEHEM WATER DEPARTMENT – 869-3440

Maintenance - Monday thru Friday	7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Office - Tuesday and Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Alan Haines - 869-3963

ROAD AGENT

George Tucker - 869-2212

TOWN POOL

869-3259

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Cheryl Sargent - 869-2042

HEALTH OFFICER

Stanley Borowski - 444-0642

FIRE DEPARTMENT

869-3342

POLICE DEPARTMENT

869-5811

